UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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HEALTHY ADVICE NETWORKS, :

LLC,

Plaintiff, :

vs. : CASE NO.1:12-cv-00610

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CONTEXTMEDIA, INC., :

Defendant.

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Deposition of KEVIN ARST, a witness herein, taken by the plaintiff as upon cross-examination, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil

Procedure and pursuant to agreement by counsel as to the time and place and stipulations hereinafter set forth, at the offices of Frost Brown Todd, 3300 Great American Tower, 301 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, at 9:20 a.m. on Friday, August 15, 2014, before M. Sue Lopreato, RMR, CRR and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio.

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Page 3 1 STIPULATIONS 2. It is stipulated by counsel for the respective parties that the deposition of 3 KEVIN ARST, a witness herein, may be taken at this 4 5 time by the plaintiff as upon cross-examination and pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil 6 7 Procedure, all other legal formalities being waived by agreement; that the 8 deposition may be taken in stenotypy by the 9 10 Notary Public-Court Reporter and transcribed 11 by her out of the presence of the witness; that the transcribed deposition was 12 submitted to the witness for examination 13 and signature and that signature may be 14 15 affixed out of the presence of the Notary 16 Public-Court Reporter. 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 2.4

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Page 5 1 KEVIN ARST 2. of lawful age, a witness herein, being first duly sworn, as hereinafter certified, was 3 examined and deposed as follows: 4 5 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. COWAN: 6 7 Good morning. Could you state Ο. 8 your name. 9 My name is Kevin Arst. Α. 10 Ο. Mr. Arst, my name is Grant 11 Cowan. We introduced a minute ago. As you 12 know, I'm one of the attorneys representing Healthy Advice in this lawsuit against 13 ContextMedia. I'm here to take your 14 deposition today. I assume you've been 15 deposed before? 16 17 Α. Yes. On a number of occasions? 18 Ο. 19 Α. Yes. 20 Ο. Do you have a pretty good understanding of the basic rules? 21 22 Α. I do. 23 What were you engaged to do in Ο. 24 this case?

Page 6 1 I'll refer you to my expert Α. 2. report on page 1, Section 3. I detailed my assignment as being 284 Partners has been 3 retained in order to provide opinions 4 5 regarding the issue of damages in this lawsuit. 6 7 I was also asked to review and assess the claims of HAN for monetary damages 8 as advanced by Dr. Wilner. 9 10 Ο. Let's go ahead. You brought a 11 copy of your report? I did, along with some of the 12 other supporting materials. 13 MR. COWAN: Okay. Let's go 14 15 ahead and, for the record, I'm going to mark a copy of your report. 16 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 1 17 was marked for identification.) 18 Feel free to refer to the one 19 Ο. 20 you brought, if you prefer. I just want to make sure we have a copy for the record, a 21 22 copy of your report. 23 Α. That makes sense. 24 Ο. Just if you could, review

- 1 Exhibit 1 to see if it appears to be a true
- 2 and accurate copy of your report, and then
- 3 you can put it aside and refer to your own.
- 4 A. It does appear to be a copy of
- 5 my report. I do note my report, I believe,
- 6 was prepared in color and also on
- 7 single-sided, but otherwise, it looks to be
- 8 the same.
- 9 Q. Okay. So refer me again on
- 10 page 3 of your report to where your report
- 11 describes your engagement.
- 12 A. I'm sorry. Section 3 on page 1.
- Q. Okay. That's what was confusing
- 14 to me. Section 3, page 1?
- 15 A. It's at the bottom of the page
- 16 there.
- 17 Q. Right. Were you engaged to do
- 18 anything else, other than what is reflected
- 19 in Section 3?
- 20 A. That represents, I think, a fair
- 21 statement regarding my engagement.
- Q. What do you believe qualifies
- 23 you to be an expert on the issues involved in
- 24 this case, at least those upon which you are

Page 8 going to provide expert testimony? 1 2. MR. HANKINSON: Objection. Form. 3 4 Α. I'll refer you to Appendix A of 5 my report. It's part of Exhibit 1, which provides a detail of my professional 6 7 experience, education, and certifications. I've been engaged professionally 8 in valuation as a professional who assesses 9 10 commercial damages in the context of civil disputes for roughly 15 years now. 11 I'm a certified public 12 accountant licensed in the State of 13 California. I'm certified in financial 14 15 forensics by the AICPA. I'm a certified licensing professional by the LES, which is 16 an Intellectual Property Trade Association 17 18 that deals with intellectual property licensing and valuation issues. 19 I've authored articles about 20 21 valuation and damages related issues. I've 22 taught courses, or at least lectured as a 23 guest in a university setting about damages 24 related issues.

- In all, I think I've likely
- 2 consulted on well over a hundred, probably
- 3 over 200 matters, including other cases with
- 4 similar fact patterns as this one. Does that
- 5 provide a fair summary for you?
- 6 Q. It does. Have you ever been
- 7 engaged by either of the two law firms that
- 8 are representing ContextMedia in this case
- 9 prior to this engagement?
- 10 A. Yes, with respect to Sidley
- 11 Austin. I don't recall with respect to KMK.
- 12 I don't have a perfect recollection of all
- 13 the various law firms that have been involved
- in the cases that I've worked on in the
- 15 course of my career.
- Q. What cases do you recall having
- 17 been engaged on by Sidley Austin?
- 18 A. Our standard engagement letter,
- 19 and the engagement letters of firms that I've
- 20 worked for before, 284 Partners requires that
- 21 I keep in confidence matters that are not
- 22 publicly available.
- 23 I can recall certain
- 24 engagements, including some in which I've

- 1 provided testimony, and I can refer you to my
- 2 CV for those.
- 3 But there are other matters in
- 4 which I'm not going to be able to disclose
- 5 the parties, but perhaps I could provide a
- 6 general background about some of the issues
- 7 in those cases, if that would be of interest
- 8 to you.
- 9 Q. It would be helpful.
- 10 A. Okay. Well, let's start with,
- if it's all right with you, the cases on my
- 12 CV in which I've provided oral testimony.
- Q. Right.
- 14 A. I'm on page 4 of my CD, fourth
- 15 page down, Prism Technologies, LLC, versus
- 16 United States Cellular Corporation.
- 17 O. You testified on behalf of
- 18 U.S. Cellular?
- 19 A. That's correct. Just so we're
- 20 on the same page, my last answer was
- 21 incomplete, though. I was going to keep
- 22 working down the list.
- Q. Okay. I assume that you were
- 24 starting here and going to keep working down.

Page 11 1 Α. Yes. 2. Why don't we go through, and Q. I'll just check off the cases that are on 3 4 page 4 of your CV, where you were engaged by Sidley Austin. 5 Sure. More of the companies 6 Α. 7 that Sidley Austin represents, but the --8 Ο. Fair enough. 9 -- United States Cellular Α. 10 Corporation matter, the Ibbotson Associates 11 and Morningstar matter, The Home Depot 12 matter, the Delta Airlines matter, and the Competitive Edge matter, and the Ethicon 13 14 Endo-Surgery matter. There are two Ethicon 15 Endo-Surgery matters, the Covidien case and 16 the Crescendo Technologies case. I'm talking 17 18 about the Crescendo Technologies case. fact, I believe your firm was local counsel 19 20 on the Ethicon Endo-Surgery versus Covidien 21 matter. And that's a subset of my 22

Those are cases in which I

provided oral testimony. There are other

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experience.

- 1 cases in which I was retained to provide
- 2 consulting services, or perhaps where I was
- 3 retained to potentially provide expert
- 4 testimony, and the cases didn't evolve in
- 5 that direction and/or I had served as a
- 6 consulting expert.
- 7 Q. And again, those are -- we're
- 8 focusing on cases where you were engaged by
- 9 the Sidley Austin firm on behalf of their
- 10 client?
- 11 A. Sometimes engagement letters are
- 12 structured as the law firm is engaging the
- 13 consultant on behalf of the corporate client.
- 14 Sometimes they're structured as the corporate
- 15 client is retaining.
- I don't recall precisely, but in
- 17 substance, those were matters in which Sidley
- 18 Austin had some involvement.
- 19 O. Exactly. Thanks. And how many
- 20 of those matters are we talking about?
- 21 A. I don't understand the question.
- 22 Q. So I think we've identified, on
- 23 pages 4 and 5 of your CV, engagements
- 24 involving Sidley Austin where it actually

- 1 resulted in a lawsuit and you gave testimony.
- 2 Is that fair?
- 3 A. That's all that's reflected on
- 4 my CV.
- 5 Q. Right. Then I thought -- and
- 6 maybe I just misunderstood you. I thought
- 7 that in addition to what's reflected on your
- 8 CV, there had been other engagements
- 9 involving Sidley Austin where you served a
- 10 role either as a consultant, or a consultant
- 11 with the idea of possibly becoming an expert,
- 12 but you ended up not giving expert testimony;
- 13 is that correct?
- 14 A. That's fair.
- 15 O. And with respect to that
- 16 category that we just described,
- 17 approximately how many of those engagements
- 18 were there?
- 19 A. I don't know precisely. I would
- 20 expect the number of matters in which I've
- 21 consulted that involved Sidley Austin is
- 22 roughly 15 matters or so. I just don't
- 23 recall precisely.
- 0. Other than this case, "this

- 1 case" being the ContextMedia case, have you
- 2 been involved in any other cases where
- 3 Mr. O'Brien, Richard O'Brien, was the lead
- 4 counsel?
- 5 A. It's not always clear to me what
- 6 roles different counsel play on the
- 7 engagement teams, so I don't know.
- 8 Q. Had you had any prior engagement
- 9 where you interacted with Mr. O'Brien prior
- 10 to the ContextMedia case?
- 11 A. I interacted with Mr. O'Brien on
- 12 several cases. I don't recall what his role
- 13 might have been in those cases, in addition
- 14 to this case.
- 15 O. Do you recall if those cases
- 16 involved Lanham Act false advertising claims?
- 17 A. Not to my recollection, meaning
- 18 I don't believe that they did.
- 19 Q. Earlier you indicated, I think,
- 20 that you had been engaged or been involved in
- 21 some hundred, possibly 200 legal matters,
- 22 some involving similar fact patterns as this
- 23 case. Give me a few examples.
- A. Sure. I'm recalling a case

- 1 involving Bulk Containers, which was a Lanham
- 2 Act case involving alleged false advertising.
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 I've worked on a series of other
- 4 false advertising cases, including the
- 5 Honeywell versus ICM Controls matter, which
- 6 is a false advertising case.
- 7 I've also worked on other cases
- 8 involving other forms of intellectual
- 9 property where the measures of monetary
- 10 relief that are available are similar like
- 11 Lanham Act; for example, copyright cases.
- 12 And so I think that those cases
- do have some relevance with respect to my
- 14 opinions here.
- 15 O. The case involving the Bulk
- 16 Containers, who was your client?
- 17 A. That's not a matter that is --
- 18 my involvement isn't a matter of public
- 19 record, so I don't believe I'm at liberty to
- 20 disclose that to you.
- 21 Q. And when you say your
- 22 involvement is not a matter of public record,
- 23 does that mean that you were engaged to
- 24 consult but not necessarily render expert

- 1 testimony that would be publicly disclosed?
- 2 A. That's fair. I did not render
- 3 any public testimony.
- 4 Q. Were you engaged by the
- 5 plaintiff or the defendant in the Bulk
- 6 Container case?
- 7 A. If memory serves, there were
- 8 claims going both ways in that case. So I
- 9 think there was a counterclaim. I believe
- 10 they were the defendant in the original suit.
- 11 Q. And are you permitted to give me
- 12 a general description of the facts in that
- 13 case, or would that be contrary to your
- 14 engagement limitations?
- 15 A. My general understanding is that
- 16 I'm not permitted under our engagement
- 17 letters to disclose facts related to
- 18 engagements that are not a matter of public
- 19 record.
- 20 So I think I could -- are you
- 21 interested in understanding the facts about
- 22 that particular engagement, or are you
- 23 interested in understanding the nature of my
- 24 opinions about damages?

Page 17 1 O. Probably both. But I don't want 2. to get you edgewise with any contractual obligations you have, or ethical obligations 3 4 you have. 5 Let me ask you this: Can you tell me whether or not the case involving 6 7 Bulk Containers involved allegations of 8 literally false statements made by one of the parties? 9 10 Α. I don't recall that. 11 The Honeywell case, that's a case that presumably is available online. 12 What can you tell me about your involvement 13 in the Honeywell case? 14 15 I was retained by ICM Controls and testified on issues related to damages. 16 That is a case that is pending right now in 17 the United States District Court, District of 18 Minnesota, scheduled for trial, I believe in 19 20 January of next year. 21 Did you give a deposition in Q. 22 that case?

And did any of your opinions in

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I did.

Page 18 1 that case involve issues relating to 2. literally false statements? I don't recall. 3 Α. 4 Ο. What do you recall being the 5 focus of your opinions in that case? Damages related issues. 6 Α. 7 And what types of claims? Ο. 8 Α. That case has three utility There were claims of false 9 patents at issue. 10 advertising, false designation of origin, 11 copyright infringement. And I provided opinions on damages related to each of those 12 forms of intellectual property. 13 14 Do you recall the nature of the Ο. 15 false advertising claims? 16 I do recall there were some claims with respect to whether a product was 17 made in the USA. I believe that's a matter 18 of public record. 19 Did any of your opinions go to 20 the issue of causation? 21 22 Α. Yes. 23 Ο. How so? 24 Α. All consistent with my opinions

- 1 in this matter. I think it's important to
- 2 evaluate causation related issues when
- 3 determining damages and considering lost
- 4 profits, and also when considering profit
- 5 disgorgement remedies, including the portion
- 6 of profits that are attributable to the
- 7 alleged wrongful conjunct, vis-a-vis other
- 8 contributions that the defendant may have
- 9 made to the product of that issue.
- 10 And as part of that, I typically
- 11 evaluate issues related to causation,
- 12 including drivers of demand alternatives,
- 13 capacity, and so forth.
- 14 Q. Have you ever testified for a
- 15 plaintiff in a case involving claims of false
- 16 advertising?
- 17 A. If we're limiting it to cases in
- 18 which I provided oral testimony, no.
- 19 Q. Have you ever provided oral
- 20 testimony on behalf of a defendant in a case
- 21 where the defendant was accused of making
- 22 literally false statements to a customer?
- 23 A. I don't recall all the matters
- 24 that I've consulted on over the course of my

- 1 career. I do note that the ICM Controls,
- 2 Honeywell matter had an element of false
- 3 advertising. I don't recall whether there
- 4 were allegations of literal falsehood.
- 5 So that's one potential that I
- 6 would have to investigate; otherwise, I don't
- 7 think I have provided oral testimony.
- 8 Q. In the Honeywell case, do you
- 9 recall whether you considered, in formulating
- 10 any of your opinions, any database record of
- 11 customer comments?
- 12 A. I don't recall. I do recall
- 13 considering evidence related to the reasons
- 14 why folks were procuring the accused
- 15 products. I don't recall whether that was
- 16 provided in a database or another form.
- 17 Q. Have you ever provided oral
- 18 testimony as an expert in a case involving
- 19 claims of tortious interference with
- 20 contract?
- 21 A. That's, in my experience,
- 22 frequently plead. I would expect that I
- 23 have. I listed on my CV here the primary
- 24 cause of action, not each cause of action, so

Case: 1:12-cv-00610-SJD Doc #: 122 Filed: 12/15/14 Page: 21 of 219 PAGEID #: 7542 Page 21 I would need to investigate that further. 1 2. Would it be all right if I grabbed some more coffee? 3 4 MR. COWAN: Sure. Absolutely. 5 You can stop me any time. (Brief recess.) 6 7 On page 1 of your report, Ο. Section 1, the last full paragraph under 8 Section 1, you say, "I have provided expert 9 10 testimony regarding IP infringement damages 11 and valuation issues in federal and state court proceedings." Do you see that? 12 13 Α. Yes. Do you consider a Lanham Act 14 15 claim for damages to be included with what you referred to as IP infringement damages? 16 I was -- technically, I suppose, 17 18 IP infringement is not necessarily a Lanham Act, but the limitation in that sentence of 19 20 IP infringement damages we could remove to 21 revise that sentence to say I provided expert

testimony regarding damages and valuation

issues, which I think then would include

Lanham Act matters.

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Page 22 1 Fair enough. Because I think, Ο. 2. in the course of some of the preceding questions, you indicated that you had been 3 involved in cases involving Lanham Act 4 5 claims? 6 Α. Yes. 7 At least in terms of how you use 0. the phrase IP infringement damages, at least 8 how you use it, would you agree that this 9 10 case does not involve our case contacts, 11 meaning this case does not involve claims of IP infringement? 12 13 MR. HANKINSON: Objection. Let me strike that. We may be 14 Ο. just playing semantics, but I just want to 15 make sure I understand when you use a phrase. 16 Is it fair to say that you do 17 18 not consider a Lanham Act false advertising claim to be a claim for IP infringement 19 20 damages? 21 MR. HANKINSON: Objection. 22 Α. My understanding is that the 23 Lanham Act broadly covers trademark matters, 24 and so we could include trademark

- 1 infringement. The way I think about it is
- 2 damages, is really that there are two major
- 3 categories of damages that are available in
- 4 most IP disputes, including Lanham Act, which
- 5 are lost profits and profit disgorgement.
- 6 And on the profit disgorgement
- 7 side, you've got copyright, Lanham Act, trade
- 8 secret cases. Those all, in my mind, fit
- 9 together. And then on the lost profit side,
- 10 you got those, plus utility patent
- 11 infringement, design patent. There's a
- 12 disgorgement remedy available. So that's the
- 13 way I think about it.
- In this case, I believe there's
- 15 also some trade secrets that are at issue.
- 16 So it's a case in which there's disgorgement
- 17 remedies potentially available, as well as
- 18 lost profits.
- 19 Q. In terms of the -- flipping back
- 20 to your CV. In terms of the publications
- 21 that you identify, are there any publications
- 22 listed on page 3 flowing over to page 4 that
- 23 you consider to be applicable or relevant to
- 24 the issues in this case?

Page 24 1 Tell you what, you'd probably be 2. better off using your version because that staple's going to come out. 3 4 I regrettably did not bring my 5 CV. 6 Q. Okay. 7 "Bubbles and Squeaks: Α. 'Irrational Exuberance' and Its Impact (or 8 lack thereof) on Damages Under the Lanham Act 9 10 in the Dot.Com Era" is an article that I 11 authored in the "Trademark Reporter" that related to damages for Lanham Act under the 12 That's the one I think would be 13 Lanham Act. most applicable. 14 15 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 2 16 was marked for identification.) Handing you Plaintiff's 17 Q. Exhibit 2. Does that appear to be a copy of 18 the "Bubble and Squeaks" article? 19 20 Α. Yes. 21 I'm just going to mark a couple Q. 22 of exhibits and have you identify them. I'm 23 not going to spend a lot of time on them. 2.4

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                   (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 3
                  was marked for identification.)
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     engagement letter between 284 Partners and
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     KMK on behalf of ContextMedia?
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                  Yes.
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                  Were you initially involved in
            Ο.
     this case to consult?
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                  That's my understanding, yes.
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                  And that at some point in time,
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     it was determined that you would become a
     testifying expert?
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                  That's generally consistent with
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     my understanding, yes.
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                   (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 4
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                  And Plaintiff's Exhibit 4, is
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     this just copies of some communications
     between you and counsel, along with invoices?
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     question back, or have it read back?
                  MR. COWAN: Sue, could you read
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     it, please.
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      (The record was read by the court reporter.)
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- 1 A. That's fair.
- 2 Q. Put that one away. On page 2 of
- 3 your report, you reference some production
- 4 documents that you, or at least your
- 5 colleagues at 284 Partners reviewed. Do you
- 6 see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What financial and accounting
- 9 records were reviewed?
- 10 A. There are profit and loss
- 11 statements that were relied upon by
- 12 Dr. Wilner and by me in order to determine
- 13 the costs associated with the services at
- 14 issue in this litigation. I could find some
- 15 Bates numbers for you, if you'd like.
- 16 Q. That's fine. Is that a pretty
- 17 good summary of what those are or were that
- 18 you reviewed?
- 19 A. That's -- it would include those
- 20 documents. There may be others.
- 21 Q. The customer databases, what
- 22 customer databases did you review?
- 23 A. Well, there was a database
- 24 that's been termed the CMS database, and I

- 1 talked a little bit about that in footnote
- 2 one. It relates to the practice enrollment
- 3 decisions and HAN's accounting of those
- 4 decisions.
- 5 Q. Any other customer databases
- 6 that you reviewed in this case?
- 7 A. That's the one that I relied
- 8 upon. If memory serves, there was another
- 9 database that was characterized as a tracking
- 10 spreadsheet. Those are the two that are
- 11 coming to mind. There may be others, again,
- 12 and I could flip through my report if you'd
- 13 like me to try to identify others that would
- 14 fit under that category.
- 15 O. The two that you identified,
- 16 those were HAN produced documents, correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Did you review any ContextMedia
- 19 databases, customer databases?
- 20 A. I don't recall reviewing any
- 21 ContextMedia databases.
- 22 Q. Do you know if anybody else at
- 23 284 Partners did?
- A. Not to my knowledge. I provided

- 1 a complete listing of the Bates numbers of
- 2 documents that I reviewed in connection with
- 3 this report, and I believe it's in appendix
- 4 or exhibit -- I could find that for you. And
- 5 to be sure, we could reference that.
- 6 Q. Why don't we just pull it out,
- 7 because there's an Appendix B.
- 8 A. That's what I had in mind.
- 9 Q. What is Appendix B, at least as
- 10 you would describe it?
- 11 A. This is a document index that
- 12 relates to -- I wanted to provide a
- 13 disclosure of the documents that I reviewed
- 14 and relied upon for the purposes of writing
- 15 my report.
- 16 Q. In terms of marketing materials,
- 17 what marketing materials do you recall
- 18 reviewing?
- 19 A. I'm recalling collateral related
- 20 to the products at issue.
- 21 O. Would that be Context
- 22 collateral?
- 23 A. I reviewed information about
- 24 both products in order to try to understand

- 1 the nature of the products that were at issue
- 2 in the case.
- 3 Q. And part of my confusion is I
- 4 want to make sure I understand Appendix B,
- 5 because Appendix B, as I read it, just
- 6 identifies HAN produced documents.
- 7 A. If you'd look to the next page
- 8 there. I've got a listing of Context
- 9 documents.
- 10 Q. Got it. All right.
- 11 A. And then if you'd flip to the
- 12 last page beyond that, I've got deposition
- 13 transcripts, and the exhibits associated with
- 14 those depositions.
- 15 O. Exactly. Thanks.
- 16 A. And also I've got -- if you flip
- 17 to the next page, there's some other
- 18 references, some publicly available
- 19 information.
- 20 Q. So if you'd look at the page
- 21 that has some ContextMedia documents, it
- 22 says, "ContextMedia database 2012-member DB."
- 23 Do you know what that is?
- 24 A. If memory serves, that related

- 1 to the nature of practices that were
- 2 converted from ContextMedia to HAN -- excuse
- 3 me. From HAN to ContextMedia, and that there
- 4 was some differences between HAN's accounting
- 5 of those practices and its CMS database, and
- 6 ContextMedia's accounting of those.
- 7 And for purposes of my report, I
- 8 relied upon HAN's accounting of those because
- 9 that was the database that Dr. Wilner relied
- 10 upon, and I wanted to try to use a similar
- 11 framework for purposes of my analysis so that
- 12 we were on the same page.
- Q. Why do you say that Dr. Wilner
- 14 relied upon that database, the HAN database?
- 15 A. Because if memory serves, his
- 16 report indicates that he did so, and that's
- 17 consistent with my understanding.
- 18 Q. Do you have a copy of his
- 19 report?
- 20 A. Yes. And I have reference in
- 21 footnote one, page 7 of Dr. Wilner's report,
- 22 where he's referencing those same documents.
- Q. Could you go ahead and just
- 24 describe for me in his report where he

Page 31 references that and how so? 1 2. Α. I refer you to page 7 of his report, footnotes 13 and 14. 3 4 O. Go ahead. 5 Α. Do you want me to read them, or do you just want to --6 7 Yes, just read them. Q. He says, "My understanding is 8 Α. that PatientPoint uses the information it 9 10 collects to assign standard reason codes to 11 practices that left PatientPoint, and 12 includes those reason codes in preparing periodic analyses of terms and practices. 13 For term metrics prepared by PatientPoint, 14 see HAN 004743 to 46, HAN 006135, HAN 005747, 15 HAN 006138. 16 "It's my understanding that 17 ContextMedia has a different list of 18 physician practices that converted from 19 PatientPoint to ContextMedia. 20 21 "I also understand the parties 22 to the suit could in the future stipulate to 23 the practices that convert it. As a result, 24 I reserve my right to update the list of

- 1 practices in the future. This update would
- 2 not alter my overall methodology, only the
- 3 imports."
- 4 Q. Is it your understanding that
- 5 Dr. Wilner relied upon any of the customer
- 6 comments in the HAN database in formulating
- 7 any of his opinions?
- 8 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 9 A. My understanding is that he did.
- 10 Q. Go ahead. What's the basis for
- 11 that?
- 12 A. In order -- well, that's my
- 13 understanding of how he defined the universe,
- 14 so to speak, of practices that converted from
- 15 HAN to ContextMedia, and that forms the basis
- 16 of his calculation of lost profits and unjust
- 17 enrichment damages in part.
- 18 Q. Do you draw any distinction
- 19 between trying to determine which practices
- 20 simply switched from HAN to Context, and
- 21 trying to determine why they did?
- 22 A. I don't understand the question
- 23 that you're asking me.
- Q. Do you understand that the

- 1 parties have attempted to come up with a list
- 2 of practices that we all agree switched from
- 3 HAN to Context?
- 4 A. I understand that the parties
- 5 have differing views about that. I don't
- 6 know the degree to which the parties have
- 7 come together to try to reach an accord about
- 8 that.
- 9 Q. Okay. And so what I'm trying to
- 10 understand is in your mind, is there a
- 11 distinction between trying to determine just
- 12 the number of practices that switched, and
- 13 trying to determine the reasons why the
- 14 practices switched?
- 15 A. For what purpose?
- 16 Q. For any purpose.
- 17 MR. HANKINSON: Objection to
- 18 form.
- 19 A. I don't understand the question
- 20 that you're asking me.
- Q. So you don't understand there to
- 22 be a distinction between trying to come up
- 23 with a number of practices that switched and
- 24 worked on to try to determine why they may

Page 34 have switched? 1 2. Α. I understand that there's practices that switched, and then there are 3 4 reasons why those practices switched, and that's part of the issue that we're 5 navigating in this case. 6 7 And do you know whether Ο. 8 Dr. Wilner relied upon any of the commentary in the HAN database regarding reasons for --9 10 reasons given by practices as to switching 11 and formulating any of his opinions? 12 MR. HANKINSON: Objection. He has referenced those comments 13 Α. in his reports, so I do think he's considered 14 15 those, yes. Where did he reference those in 16 Ο. 17 his report? 18 Α. Do you have his second report 19 here? 20 Oh, his secondary report? Ο. 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. Well, your report only 23 considered his initial report?

My report was exchanged

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- 1 subsequent to his first report but before his
- 2 second report.
- 3 Q. Right. So in terms of his first
- 4 report, did he reference considering any of
- 5 the comments in a database?
- 6 A. I'd have to flip through his
- 7 reporting, and I haven't committed it to
- 8 memory.
- 9 Q. Okay. In terms of customer
- 10 correspondence, back on page 2 of your
- 11 report -- so you can put Dr. Wilner's report
- 12 away for a moment.
- Going back to your report,
- 14 customer correspondence, what customer
- 15 correspondence was referred to?
- 16 A. I recall, in the record of this
- 17 case, that there were -- there was evidence
- 18 related to communications with practices.
- 19 Q. Did you review any
- 20 correspondence, e-mails or letters, between
- 21 Context and any HAN practices?
- A. My research, there were
- 23 deposition exhibits that related to that.
- Q. Do you recall any of those being

Page 36 important to the formation of any of your 1 2. opinions? Objection. 3 MR. HANKINSON: 4 Form. 5 Α. Importance is on a continuum. think we would need to know relative to what. 6 7 I thought they were part of the record in the 8 case that I was interested in reviewing, and I did so. 9 10 They didn't form an input from a 11 quantitative or arithmetic sense into a calculation of profits, but they may be of 12 relevance to a determination of the portion 13 of profits that may be attributable to the 14 15 alleged wrongful conduct. On page 3 of your report, you 16 reference discussions you had with Mr. Demas, 17 18 Mr. Garms, and Mr. Postel from Context. Do 19 you see that? 20 Α. Yes. 21 Are all of your discussions with Q. 22 those three gentlemen reflected in your 23 report? 24 Α. I provided footnote references

- 1 for -- in sentences or areas of their report
- 2 where I relied in part on Mr. Demas,
- 3 Mr. Garms, and Mr. Postel.
- 4 So I did attempt to provide a
- 5 full disclosure of the substance of those
- 6 conversations insofar as my opinion and
- 7 report contained here in Exhibit 1.
- 8 Q. Was there anything that they
- 9 told you that did not find its way into your
- 10 report?
- 11 A. I can imagine that there was. I
- 12 spoke with Mr. Demas perhaps three or four
- 13 times, and I'm not recalling anything in
- 14 particular, but part of what I wanted to do
- 15 is understand a little bit about the history
- of the company, the products at issue, the
- 17 nature of the dispute, and there were other
- 18 sources of information that was consistent
- 19 with what Mr. Demas told me.
- 20 And it's my typical practice to,
- 21 if there are a couple sources of information,
- 22 to cite several of them, not necessarily all
- 23 of them. I wasn't trying to provide here an
- 24 exhaustive list of every source for every

- 1 sentence, so -- but I do think I could --
- 2 that Mr. Demas in particular, our
- 3 conversations extended beyond just what
- 4 footnotes may indicate in the report.
- 5 Q. Did you take notes of your
- 6 communications with Mr. Demas?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. In formulating your opinions in
- 9 this case, did you make any assumptions as to
- 10 whether Context made literally false
- 11 statements to any HAN practices?
- 12 A. I made the assumption that
- 13 liability would be found in HAN's favor for
- 14 all of HAN's claims.
- 15 O. And why did you do that?
- 16 A. That is the standard practice of
- 17 my peers who evaluate damages in the context
- 18 of commercial litigation. One of the
- 19 predicate assumptions that ought to be made
- 20 in connection with the damages report is that
- 21 liability will be found.
- Q. In formulating your opinions in
- 23 this case, did you make any assumptions as to
- 24 whether Context willfully made any literally

Page 39 1 false statements? 2. MR. HANKINSON: Objection. I did not make the assumption 3 Α. that -- related to willfulness. 4 5 Did you make any assumptions relating to bad faith? 6 7 Objection. MR. HANKINSON: 8 Α. I think I need to take a step 9 back on the willfulness response, as well as 10 bad faith, which is I'm not a legal scholar 11 or expert, and I don't know what are the 12 predicate proofs that need to be made in order to prevail on the various claims that 13 have been asserted by HAN in this case, my --14 15 sort of my analysis, with a top level assumption of liability. And that's really 16 what I assumed. 17 18 It may be that HAN is pursuing 19 exceptional damages or non-monetary damages. 20 That's really beyond the scope of the opinion that I'm rendering. Is that responsive to 21 22 your question? 23 Q. It is. But leaving aside any 24 claim for punitive damages, exemplary

- 1 damages, and leaving aside any claim for
- 2 non-monetary damages, conjunctive relief, did
- 3 you make any assumptions as to whether any
- 4 statements made by Context to HAN practices
- 5 were literally false and made willfully?
- 6 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 7 A. Let me answer this in the same
- 8 way as I did before, which is I made the
- 9 assumption that liability would be found. I
- 10 did not try to tread into willfulness related
- issues as it relates to non-monetary damages.
- 12 If willfulness is part of one of
- 13 the proofs that needs to be made in order to
- 14 prevail on liability for the other causes of
- 15 action, then I did insofar as I assumed
- 16 liability. But I didn't want to weigh in on
- 17 the equitable side or the non-monetary side
- 18 of the damages related questions or liability
- 19 issues.
- 20 Q. On page 5 and 6 of your report,
- 21 you reference Johnson & Johnson's branding
- 22 agency J3. Do you see that?
- 23 A. I do.
- Q. Are you aware of any evidence

Page 41 that Context, specifically Mr. Shah, misled 1 2. J3? 3 Α. I'm not aware one way or the other. 4 If the evidence were to show 5 Ο. that Mr. Shah misled J3, specifically as it 6 7 relates to HAN, would that be something that 8 you would want to know in formulating your 9 opinions? Objection. 10 MR. HANKINSON: 11 Α. To the extent that HAN seeks damages related to additional elements, 12 that's something I would expect to review and 13 assess. Your question isn't defined well 14 15 enough for me to know whether or not that's something that's forthcoming, and so if it 16 is, I would expect to assess it if asked to 17 18 do so. On page 6, the last full 19 Ο. 20 paragraph prior to Section 5, you say, "In 21 instances where a practice using an existing 22 competitive offering preferred ContextMedia's 23 platform on its merits, I understand that 24 ContextMedia offered the practice the option

Page 42 of a hassle-free switch-out." Do you see 1 2. that? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Tell me, as best as you Ο. 5 understand, the hassle-free switch-out. What was that? 6 Well, I would refer you to 7 Α. Mr. Shah's testimony. He testified about 8 that, and I included references in my report. 9 10 I brought that with me, if you'd like. But 11 my understanding is that is contained in that sentence that you just -- or the paragraph 12 that you just referred me to, which is that 13 ContextMedia made efforts to work with 14 practices to schedule switch-outs in ways 15 that would be convenient for the practice, 16 such as scheduling those switch-outs when 17 18 patients wouldn't be there, outside of the normal bounds of office hours, and things of 19 20 that nature. 21 Was there anything about the Q. 22 hassle-free switch-out, including any of the

documents that are part of the hassle-free

switch-out utilized by Context, that was

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- 1 material to you in terms of rendering your
- 2 opinions regarding damages on the tortious
- 3 interference claim?
- 4 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 5 A. I understand that HAN alleges
- 6 that certain of the practices related to
- 7 hassle-free switch-outs constituted alleged
- 8 wrongful conduct. So I understand that, and
- 9 it has relevance in that way.
- 10 But there also was testimony
- 11 about hassle-free switch-outs related to
- 12 the -- trying to accommodate the practice as
- 13 I just discussed, and Mr. Shah's associated
- 14 testimony that I think also has problems.
- 15 O. Let me hand you what's
- 16 previously been marked in the case as
- 17 Plaintiff's Exhibit 79, and ask you if that's
- 18 a document that you recall having seen in
- 19 connection with your work in this case?
- 20 A. I don't recall this specific
- 21 document, but I do see that it's listed as an
- 22 exhibit, I believe to Ms. Agarwal's
- 23 deposition, in which case I do believe I did
- 24 see this at some point.

- 1 Q. In your report on page 6, the
- 2 next sentence, you say, "I understand that
- 3 the intent of this offering -- " and I think
- 4 you were referring to the hassle-free
- 5 switch-out package -- "was to eliminate any
- 6 concerns such a practice may have had
- 7 regarding the time commitment to set up a new
- 8 product, and to accommodate that practice's
- 9 schedule so as not to disrupt the waiting
- 10 room area." Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 O. So I take it that, at least it
- 13 was important to you, in connection with
- 14 formulating your opinions, the intent behind
- 15 the hassle-free switch-out practice?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 17 A. Really, this is in the
- 18 background section of my report, and what I
- 19 was trying to do was provide some context for
- 20 my opinion, you know, which is the reason why
- 21 I included this element. It does have
- 22 relevance to consider, I think, and I did so.
- Q. Would you agree with me that
- 24 Plaintiff's Exhibit 79 would indicate that

- 1 there was a different intent on the part of
- 2 Context in formulating the hassle-free
- 3 switch-out?
- 4 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 5 A. I would deter this question to
- 6 the fact witnesses in the case. That's not
- 7 something that I'm -- I have personal
- 8 knowledge of. I believe Mr. Shah and perhaps
- 9 Ms. Agarwal's testified about the hassle-free
- 10 switch-outs, and I included that, references
- 11 to that testimony in my report.
- 12 Q. Well, let me ask you about that,
- 13 then. Do you not consider other evidence?
- 14 Do you simply rely upon what your client
- 15 testified?
- 16 A. I thought you were asking me a
- 17 question of fact, and no, I do consider
- 18 evidence. Perhaps I misunderstood your
- 19 earlier question.
- 20 Q. Right. So you would consider
- 21 what your client testified to on a particular
- 22 fact, correct?
- 23 A. I would consider testimony from
- 24 both parties, sure.

- 1 Q. And you would consider as well
- 2 evidence from your client that contradicts
- 3 what they testified to; would you not?
- 4 A. I would consider all the
- 5 evidence that was made available to me in
- 6 order to reach my opinions.
- 7 Q. Well, you read Ms. Agarwal's
- 8 transcript, you've looked at the exhibits.
- 9 Exhibit 79 was an exhibit. Did that cast any
- 10 doubt in your mind on the intent of
- 11 ContextMedia in formulating the hassle-free
- 12 switch-out practice?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 14 A. I didn't really render opinions
- 15 about the intent of the hassle-free
- 16 switch-out. I just considered that in the
- 17 context of the overall case.
- 18 Q. In this case, would the intent
- 19 behind the hassle-free switch-out package
- 20 have any relation to causation?
- 21 A. Causation to damages?
- Q. Correct.
- 23 A. I think there's other evidence
- in the case that I put more weight on with

- 1 respect to causation than hassle-free
- 2 switch-outs. I would characterize that as
- 3 something that potentially could have an
- 4 impact on causation of damages, but in light
- 5 of the balance of testimony and evidence
- 6 available in this case, I don't think it has
- 7 much weight.
- 8 O. If the evidence shows that
- 9 Context developed and utilized the
- 10 hassle-free switch-out package in order to
- 11 keep HAN practices from abiding by and
- 12 following their contracts with HAN, would
- 13 that be significant to you in formulating
- 14 your opinions?
- 15 A. Could you please repeat that
- 16 question.
- 17 MR. COWAN: Yes. Sue, read it
- 18 back.
- 19 (The record was read by the court reporter.)
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 21 A. I started my analysis with an
- 22 assumption that liability would be found.
- 23 And I understand that this is what is part of
- 24 HAN's claim in this case is that those

Page 48 practices that were converted constitute a 1 2. form of alleged unlawful conduct. And so I don't think the 3 4 evidence that you just suggested would have a 5 major impact on the framework or my understanding of damages related issues in 6 7 this case. 8 Is it your understanding that Context would not switch a HAN practice until 9 10 it had received a signed authorization form 11 which is part of the hassle-free switch-out 12 practice? Objection. 13 MR. HANKINSON: Α. Can you please repeat that 14 question. 15 MR. COWAN: Sure. Sue, read it 16 back. 17 18 (The record was read by the court reporter.) 19 THE WITNESS: One more time. 20 I'm sorry. (The record was read by the court reporter.) 21 22 Α. I would defer to the fact 23 witnesses. I don't have an understanding of 24 that. I've made the assumption, for purposes

- 1 of my report, that each of the practices that
- 2 were converted from HAN to ContextMedia did
- 3 so a month before, at least, they otherwise
- 4 would have.
- 5 So I think there is an implicit
- 6 assumption within my report that gets to, in
- 7 some respect, that type of a liability
- 8 question, but I don't have an independent
- 9 opinion about whether or not that happened.
- 10 And I think that the fact witnesses would be
- in a better position to answer that question.
- 12 Q. Does that issue not go to
- 13 causation in your mind?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 15 Form.
- 16 A. Can you please help me
- 17 understand what you mean by "that issue," and
- 18 can you --
- 19 Q. The fact that Context witnesses,
- 20 including its corporate rep, have stated that
- 21 each and every practice that switched from
- 22 Context to HAN had to sign an authorization
- 23 form before Context would move forward with
- 24 the switch.

- 1 A. Just so we're speaking the same
- 2 language. When I think about causation, I'm
- 3 thinking about causation to damages, not
- 4 causation from a liability perspective. And
- 5 no, I don't think that would impact causation
- 6 to damages.
- 7 Q. Why not?
- 8 A. Well, I wrote a report that
- 9 contains the substance of my opinions with
- 10 respect to causation, and it's a multifaceted
- 11 and long answer. Would you like me to
- 12 explain that in detail?
- 13 Q. In the context of my question,
- 14 which goes to the authorization form.
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 16 A. I'd refer you to page 17 in my
- 17 report, where I have a bulleted list here of
- 18 items that I think are relevant to causation.
- 19 And the evidence in this case
- 20 demonstrates that there are a myriad of
- 21 factors that practices weighed when making
- 22 enrollment decisions, or differences in the
- 23 product offerings between ContextMedia and
- 24 HAN.

Page 51 1 I'm not aware of evidence that 2. would substantiate the claim that practice conversion decisions were attributable to the 3 alleged wrongful conduct. There's a lot of 4 evidence that other factors were driving 5 those enrollment decisions. 6 If the evidence shows that 7 Ο. Context would not have switched any HAN 8 practices but for the execution of an 9 10 authorization form that was included as part 11 of the hassle-free switch-out practice, does that or would that impact your opinions and 12 conclusions? 13 14 MR. HANKINSON: Objection. I want to understand this 15 Α. hypothetical. The hypothetical is if I 16 assumed that but for -- can you just repeat 17 the hypothetical for me, please? 18 Yes. I don't believe it's a 19 0. hypothetical. I'm just saying --20 21 MR. COWAN: Go ahead and read it 22 back, Sue. 23 (The record was read by the court reporter.) 24 THE WITNESS: One more time,

Page 52 1 please. 2. (The record was read by the court reporter.) I'm not aware of evidence that 3 Α. corroborates the claim that but for the 4 5 alleged wrongful conduct, HAN would have suffered lost profits in excess of those 6 7 quantified in my report. I think that's on the basis of the evidence that's available in 8 9 this case. 10 There are a lot of reasons to 11 conclude that causation has not been established, and if there is additional 12 evidence relevant to causation that 13 Dr. Wilner or HAN's experts identified, I 14 15 expect I would review that and assess it. 16 That's not my question. question is, if the evidence demonstrates 17 that Context would not have switched any HAN 18 practices but for their receipt of an 19 executed authorization form, would that 20 21 impact your opinions and conclusions in the 22 case? 23 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.

I believe it's the same answer

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- 1 as the one that I just gave you. Could you
- 2 perhaps rephrase it, then?
- 3 Q. It's fair to say that your
- 4 report talks considerably about but-for
- 5 causation; does it not?
- 6 A. It does.
- 7 Q. And my question is simply this:
- 8 If but for the execution of the authorization
- 9 form included in the hassle-free switch-out
- 10 practice, the HAN practices would not have
- 11 switched to Context, does that impact your
- 12 opinions and conclusions in the case?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 14 A. My opinion is that but-for
- 15 causation has not been established. Your
- 16 question is hypothetical insofar as you're
- 17 asking to assume if but-for causation is
- 18 established, does that establish but-for
- 19 causation.
- 20 And I suppose under a
- 21 hypothetical that but-for causation is
- 22 established, then I would agree that it is.
- 23 But what I'm saying is I don't think that the
- 24 second part of your question changes the

- 1 balance of evidence in this case about the
- 2 reasons why practices made enrollment
- 3 decisions. I think that ought to be properly
- 4 considered, along with the testimony and the
- 5 other evidence that I included in my report.
- 6 Q. Did you consider, in the context
- 7 of your conclusions regarding but-for
- 8 causation, whether the practices would have
- 9 switched but for the execution of an
- 10 authorization form included in the
- 11 hassle-free package provided to them by
- 12 Context?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 14 A. My understanding of the alleged
- 15 wrongful conduct is as I indicated in pages 6
- 16 and 7 of my report. Generally, HAN claims
- 17 ContextMedia adopted a strategy of making
- 18 false and/or misleading statements to HAN's
- 19 existing customers regarding those practices,
- 20 existing contracts with HAN and HAN's
- 21 business services. And I included some
- 22 examples here.
- I did not include that specific
- 24 provision that you asked me about in your

- 1 question, though it is, I think, not
- 2 inconsistent with my understanding of what
- 3 generally are the allegations in the case.
- 4 Q. My question, then, is -- and
- 5 maybe it was a question to ask, but I'll ask
- 6 it, perhaps rephrase it.
- 7 Did you consider that issue in
- 8 formulating your opinions and conclusions, by
- 9 "that issue," the issue of whether but for
- 10 the execution of an authorization form by the
- 11 HAN practice, the practice would not have
- 12 switched to Context?
- 13 A. Yes.
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 15 O. Where is that referenced?
- 16 A. It's referenced in the section
- 17 related to but-for causation, beginning in
- 18 Section 7, and continuing through the balance
- 19 of the report.
- Q. Well, just point me, if you
- 21 would, sir, to where you specifically discuss
- 22 but-for causation and the authorization form
- 23 signed by each and every of the practices.
- 24 A. I discuss but-for causation with

- 1 respect to the evidence that was advanced by
- 2 Dr. Wilner. I didn't granularly get down to
- 3 that level of detail that you're asking me
- 4 about, but I considered but-for causation
- 5 with respect to the conversion of practices
- 6 generally, including the alleged wrongful
- 7 conduct, as well as the other factors that
- 8 drove customer purchase decisions.
- 9 If we reach a point where we
- 10 could take a break?
- 11 Q. Sure. Let me just ask one more
- 12 question and we will.
- 13 A. Sure.
- 14 Q. If a practice would not have
- 15 switched to Context, but for its execution of
- 16 the authorization form, would that fact
- 17 impact your opinions and conclusions in this
- 18 case?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 20 A. The way that I think about this
- 21 case is that if there are -- if there's
- 22 evidence that's available that would lead one
- 23 to conclude that a particular practice would
- 24 not have switched but for the alleged

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wrongful conduct, and that's something that

- 2 ought to be considered, I'm not aware of
- 3 evidence that would substantiate Dr. Wilner's
- 4 claim.
- 5 In fact, as I understand it,
- 6 Dr. Wilner has relied on industry experts, or
- 7 so-called industry experts that -- whose
- 8 opinions have not been disclosed to me, at
- 9 least the analyses that they performed have
- 10 not been disclosed to me.
- 11 But if there's additional
- 12 evidence that's relevant to the determination
- 13 of practice enrollment decisions, then I
- 14 would want to consider that, sure.
- 15 MR. COWAN: All right. That's a
- 16 good time for a break.
- 17 (Brief recess.)
- Q. Are you aware of any presumption
- 19 in this case that Context statements to HAN
- 20 practices caused damage to HAN?
- 21 A. Could you please repeat that?
- 22 Q. Sure. Just repeat it or
- 23 rephrase it?
- A. I was just not quite with us.

- 1 Q. Got it. Are you aware of any
- 2 presumption in this case that Context
- 3 statements to HAN practices caused damage to
- 4 HAN?
- 5 A. The word presumption is a little
- 6 bit confusing to me. Could you please
- 7 re-characterize or rephrase that sentence?
- 8 Q. I don't know that I can. If --
- 9 A. I'll answer as best I can.
- 10 Q. Sure.
- 11 A. Dr. Wilner has presumed that the
- 12 alleged wrongful conduct caused damages, and
- 13 he's projected those damages through 2018. I
- 14 disagree that the profits generated by
- 15 ContextMedia or HAN, or those profits lost by
- 16 HAN are attributable to the alleged wrongful
- 17 conduct, with the possible exception of
- 18 revenue and profits that were lost by HAN
- 19 associated with practices that converted
- 20 before they otherwise would have. And so
- 21 that's -- is that responsive to your
- 22 question?
- Q. It's your answer, so I'll take
- 24 that. And my question, let me ask it maybe

- 1 in a slightly different way. Are you aware
- 2 of any legal presumption in this case that
- 3 Context statements to the HAN practices
- 4 caused HAN damages?
- 5 A. I did not make the assumption
- 6 that HAN would be entitled to damages upon a
- 7 finding of liability. I evaluated the
- 8 evidence in this case in order to provide an
- 9 opinion about whether and to what extent HAN
- 10 should be entitled to damages upon the
- 11 finding of liability. And I offered opinions
- 12 about those damages in this report.
- 13 Q. The cases in your binder, the
- 14 law cases, the legal cases, where did you get
- 15 those?
- 16 A. They were -- some of the cases I
- 17 was aware of based on my work and experience
- in this field; some of the cases were
- 19 provided by counsel.
- Q. Which were you aware of, which
- 21 were provided by counsel?
- 22 A. I think the way that I would
- 23 answer this question most clearly for you is
- 24 that there was a quote related to post hoc

- 1 ergo propter hoc on page 10 of my report that
- 2 references a case, TNS Media Research, LLC.
- 3 That was an opinion about an
- 4 expert that was working in another case that
- 5 I was working on. So I was aware of that,
- 6 and some of the cases cited by that case.
- 7 I asked Mr. Hankinson whether
- 8 there were other cases relevant to this issue
- 9 in the venue that this litigation is in, and
- 10 those types of cases were provided.
- 11 Q. So, for example, the Balance
- 12 Dynamics case and the Iams cases that were
- 13 referenced in your report, were those
- 14 provided to you by counsel?
- 15 A. Do you have a reference point?
- 16 Q. Sure. Page 8 of your report,
- 17 the footnotes cite those cases.
- 18 A. If memory serves, yes, those
- 19 were provided by counsel.
- 20 Q. Is there anything about any of
- 21 those cases that were provided to you by
- 22 counsel that, in your mind, as you sit here
- 23 today, was important to your overall
- 24 opinions?

- 1 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 2 A. Generally, I wanted to make sure
- 3 that my opinions were consistent with the
- 4 law. I have a lot of experience working in
- 5 matters involving these measures of monetary
- 6 relief, and I have a general understanding
- 7 based on that experience.
- 8 And I wanted to confirm my
- 9 understanding by reference to these cases,
- 10 and that's what I did, so it was important in
- 11 that respect.
- 12 Q. On page 9 of your report, right
- 13 above Section 7, you talk about a couple of
- 14 the other claims. Do you see that?
- 15 A. I'm not sure which part you're
- 16 referencing.
- 17 Q. Right above where you say "I
- 18 also understand that several forms of
- 19 relief -- " that paragraph.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I didn't see any reference in
- 22 there to the tortious interference with
- 23 contract claim. Is that fair?
- A. I don't know whether that's

- 1 fair. I've identified some of the actions
- 2 that I understand may be related to alleged
- 3 tortious interference on page 6 of my report,
- 4 and I don't know whether that alleged
- 5 tortious interference relates to the
- 6 deceptive trade practices, or if that's
- 7 something different.
- 8 Generally, my understanding is
- 9 that there were two forms of relief that were
- 10 sought by HAN, lost profits and profits
- 11 disgorgement. I have a general understanding
- 12 that under the various claims that HAN has
- 13 made, that those are measures that are
- 14 potentially available.
- 15 And then sorting out as to
- 16 between which claim relates to which
- 17 methodology is something that I didn't really
- 18 attempt to do in this report.
- 19 Q. On page 10, right above the
- 20 footnote, the sentence in the last full
- 21 paragraph on that page, you say, "In my
- 22 experience, plaintiffs often attempt to
- 23 satisfy the test for but-for causation by
- 24 demonstrating a nexus between the alleged

- 1 wrongful conduct and demand for the alleged
- 2 lost sales; causation of the alleged lost
- 3 sales by showing the absence of acceptable
- 4 alternatives, or by showing the plaintiffs
- 5 but-for market share; plaintiffs capacity to
- 6 exploit the demand; and the amount of profit
- 7 that would have been made." Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Is that your experience in
- 10 Lanham Act cases involving claims of false
- 11 advertising?
- 12 A. That's my experience generally
- 13 related to lost profits, whether it's a
- 14 breach of contract, a claim of lost profits
- 15 under Lanham Act, a claim of lost profits
- 16 under 35 USC 284.
- 17 Generally, what I'm talking
- 18 about here is elements associated with
- 19 establishing causation to actual lost
- 20 profits.
- Q. Turn to page 16 of your report,
- 22 if you would.
- A. (Complies with request.)
- Q. Up at the top, you have a quote

- 1 from the "Litigation Services Handbook: The
- 2 Role of the Financial Expert." Do you see
- 3 that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And you indicate from the
- 6 chapter about patent infringement damages.
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Was there anything in that book
- 10 concerning Lanham Act false advertising
- 11 damages?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 13 A. I expect there would be, yes.
- 14 Q. Is there a reason why you chose
- 15 to quote something about patent infringement
- 16 damages, as opposed to Lanham Act damages?
- 17 A. Yeah. In my experience, there's
- 18 just a lot more opinions related to patent
- 19 infringement litigation than Lanham Act
- 20 damages related opinions.
- 21 What I was focused on here was
- 22 causation element, which I think, as I just
- 23 indicated a moment ago, in my opinion, was
- 24 relevant to lost profits claims generally, so

- 1 that's why I selected that passage.
- 2 Q. Have you ever been involved in a
- 3 matter, either as a consultant or as a
- 4 testifying expert, involving Lanham Act false
- 5 advertising claims, involving literally false
- 6 statements where there was a legal
- 7 presumption that the statements caused
- 8 damages?
- 9 A. I don't recall any such
- 10 instance.
- 11 Q. If you could turn to page 18 of
- 12 your report?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Under Section A, you've
- 15 identified a number of factors that impact
- 16 the point of care health media enrollment
- 17 decisions of HAN's former and current
- 18 practices. Do you see those?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. First question is, are those
- 21 listed in any sort of rank order, order of
- 22 priority?
- 23 A. There were some rankings that
- 24 were -- that some of the witnesses in the

- 1 case provided. I don't recall -- I didn't
- 2 attempt to line this up precisely with that
- 3 ranking. Some of the rankings were made
- 4 available by just the nature of the questions
- 5 and answers that were asked in the
- 6 depositions.
- 7 And so I wasn't intending this
- 8 to be from top to bottom most important to
- 9 least important, but there is some evidence
- 10 in the record that we could begin to navigate
- 11 that if we so choose.
- 12 O. As you sit here today, when you
- 13 look at the factors that you bulleted on
- 14 pages 18 and 19, can you give me an idea of
- 15 what you'd consider to be the three or four
- 16 most important factors?
- 17 A. The evidence in this case
- 18 indicates that that varied to some degree on
- 19 a practice by practice basis. There appears
- 20 to be a consensus between the parties that
- 21 the quality of the health related programming
- 22 and the entertainment related programming in
- 23 terms of its ability to engage the patient
- 24 was important, as well as the length of the

- 1 program.
- 2 I recall seeing testimony about
- 3 technical service issues, and some of the
- 4 trouble that HAN was experiencing. Those are
- 5 some that, along with media format, the
- 6 testimony indicates were relatively
- 7 important.
- 8 Q. If HAN practices were told by
- 9 Context that a significant number of HAN
- 10 practices were switching to Context, would
- 11 that relate to the quality of health related
- 12 programming?
- 13 A. I'm sorry. You lost me on that
- 14 question. Can you please restate?
- 15 O. Sure. If HAN practices were
- 16 told by Context that a significant number of
- 17 HAN practices had switched to Context, would
- 18 that relate to the quality of health related
- 19 programming?
- 20 A. No. I was really thinking about
- 21 statements made to practices, and the
- 22 relationships for sales representatives
- 23 bullets, which is on the next page. When I
- 24 was thinking about the quality related

- 1 programming, and the entertainment related
- 2 programming, and the media format, for
- 3 example, I was just talking more about the
- 4 product.
- 5 Q. And would a statement that a
- 6 significant number of practices had switched
- 7 their product from HAN to Context relate to
- 8 the quality of the product?
- 9 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 10 A. That may be a byproduct of the
- 11 quality of the product. I think it would
- 12 just depend on -- I think it would depend.
- 13 Q. Is the HAN product that was in
- 14 HAN practice waiting rooms during the
- relevant time period, 2011 to March of 2013,
- 16 or April of 2013, was that product a
- 17 PowerPoint slideshow?
- 18 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 19 A. I understand that there's
- 20 allegations that are made that that -- claims
- 21 of it being a PowerPoint slideshow constitute
- 22 alleged wrongful conduct. I'm not trying to
- 23 weigh in and offer an opinion about whether
- 24 that was or was not.

- 1 I did notice that there was some
- 2 deposition testimony from some of the
- 3 witnesses, and also there were some comments
- 4 in the CMS database that some of the
- 5 customers characterized it that way perhaps
- 6 in some instances, but I'm not trying to wade
- 7 in to the liability side of this case.
- 8 Q. And you have listed, down at the
- 9 last bullet on page 18, the ratio of health
- 10 related content to advertising. Do you see
- 11 that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. So that's an important factor to
- 14 practices?
- 15 A. I understand that the -- from
- 16 the testimony of witnesses is that that was a
- 17 factor that had some importance, yes.
- 18 Q. Turn to page 29, if you would.
- 19 A. I'm with you.
- 20 Q. The bullet points that are
- 21 listed there, do you see those?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Are you able to testify that any
- 24 HAN practice left because of any of those

Page 70 1 reasons? 2. The evidence in this case Α. supports that conclusion, yes. 3 And "the evidence in this case" 4 Ο. 5 being what is referred to in the CMS database? 6 7 The CMS database, the deposition Α. testimony of the witnesses in this case, and 8 9 some of the documents that were also made 10 available, yes. 11 But do you know for a fact whether any HAN practice left for any of 12 these reasons? 13 On the basis of the evidence 14 Α. that's been made available that's contained 15 in my report, that's the conclusion that I 16 think is supportable. I don't have personal 17 knowledge of it. My knowledge is based on 18 the evidence that's articulated in this 19 20 report. 21 Do you have an opinion as to Q. 22 whether any Context employee lied to a HAN 23 practice?

I don't have opinions one way or

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- 1 the other about that.
- Q. And that's not important to any
- 3 of your opinions or conclusions in the case?
- 4 A. Well, I understand, again, that
- 5 there are allegations that have been made by
- 6 HAN that ContextMedia lied and/or made false
- 7 statements, and that's part of the predicate
- 8 assumption that I made in order to evaluate
- 9 damages is that there will be a finding of
- 10 liability for the wrongful conduct that's
- 11 been alleged by HAN.
- 12 O. As you looked through all of the
- 13 exhibits, deposition exhibits in this case,
- and read the testimony, did you formulate,
- 15 did you come to any conclusion in your own
- 16 mind whether or not Context lied to the
- 17 practices?
- 18 A. That's not something I spent
- 19 much time focusing on.
- 20 Q. Do you have an opinion as to
- 21 whether any of the provisions in HAN's
- 22 enrollment agreement of its practices are
- 23 enforceable?
- A. No opinions about that.

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                  (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 5
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                  was marked for identification.)
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     as Plaintiff's Exhibit 5. Take a minute and
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     look at that. I don't know that this is a
     document that you reviewed, a document that
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     was produced by Context.
                  (After reviewing document) Okay.
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     e-mail from a practice to Deven Tatum,
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     January 3, 2012, where the practice person says,
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     "I am not at my desk; however, I will need to
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     pull my enrollment agreement with Healthy
     Advice. Are you aware of what is necessary
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     on my end with regards to notifying HA --"
     who we assume to be Healthy Advice -- "of any
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     decision to discontinue their services."
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     you see that?
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            Α.
                  Yes.
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                  And Deven responds, "Yes, ma'am.
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    No -- " no is in all caps -- "action is required
22
     by you. Simply fill out the attached forms
     and we do the rest." Do you see that?
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            Α.
                  Yes.
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- 1 Q. Does a statement like this, made
- 2 by Context to a practice, specifically
- 3 referencing the practice's obligation under
- 4 HAN's contract, have any relevance to
- 5 causation issues in your mind?
- 6 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 7 A. In my mind, the right question
- 8 to ask is but for the alleged wrongful
- 9 conduct, what would have happened to this
- 10 practice.
- 11 And in order to evaluate that, I
- 12 do think we can consider this document, along
- with the other evidence I reference in my
- 14 report, and -- in order to make a
- 15 determination.
- 16 Q. So if a practice asks a Context
- 17 representative what do I need to do under my
- 18 agreement with HAN before cancelling, and the
- 19 practice is told something by the Context
- 20 person that is not true, is that impactful
- 21 with respect to any causation issues?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 23 A. It depends on whether or not HAN
- 24 would have realized incremental sales and

- 1 profits but for the alleged wrongful conduct.
- 2 Q. And you don't know whether, in
- 3 this particular case, that would or would not
- 4 have happened?
- 5 A. Well, I've assumed in my report
- 6 that this type of exchange would constitute
- 7 alleged wrongful conduct. I've quantified
- 8 profits associated with that that were
- 9 allegedly lost by HAN, and so I have
- 10 considered this with respect to causation.
- 11 Q. And do you know what would have
- 12 happened in this particular case if
- 13 Ms. Tatum had responded yes, you need to give
- 14 HAN advanced written notice of your intent to
- 15 cancel under the agreement?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 17 Form.
- 18 A. There is evidence available in
- 19 this case from which we can form conclusions
- 20 about what would have happened absent the
- 21 alleged wrongful conduct. And I wrote an
- 22 opinion about that, and it's contained in
- 23 Exhibit 1, yes.
- Q. Exhibit 1 of your report?

- 1 A. Right.
- 2 Q. And my question is, with respect
- 3 to this practice, do you know what would have
- 4 happened had the practice been told you need
- 5 to give HAN advanced written notice of your
- 6 intent to cancel?
- 7 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 8 A. Based on the evidence available
- 9 in this case, it's my conclusion that it's
- 10 reasonable to conclude that HAN may have
- 11 realized incremental sales and profits to the
- 12 extent that the practice, from Exhibit 5,
- 13 converted to ContextMedia before it otherwise
- 14 should have.
- 15 On the basis of the evidence in
- 16 my report, I also think it's unreasonable to
- 17 conclude that the practice would have stayed
- 18 with ContextMedia through 2018. And I
- 19 provide evidence associated with, or the
- 20 bases of those opinions in my report.
- 21 MR. HANKINSON: For clarity, do
- 22 you mind if I make a comment?
- MR. COWAN: I'm sorry?
- MR. HANKINSON: Do you mind if I

Page 76 make a comment, for clarity? 1 2. MR. COWAN: Yes. Go ahead. MR. HANKINSON: I think he used 3 the word ContextMedia in that answer instead 4 5 of HAN at one point. MR. COWAN: Fair enough. 6 7 I may have misstated. Α. Do you have an opinion as to 8 Ο. whether HAN would have been able to retain 9 10 this practice that's referenced in 11 Plaintiff's Exhibit 5 had the practice provided advance written notice of its intent 12 to cancel to HAN in accord with the 13 enrollment agreement? 14 15 Objection. MR. HANKINSON: There were some hypotheticals, I 16 17 think, baked into your question, but 18 generally, I have an opinion that the 19 evidence does not support the conclusion that 20 HAN would have retained the practices that 21 elected to convert to ContextMedia. 22 And I talk about that in my 23 I also talk about some of the 24 alternatives that were available to both the

- 1 practices and to ContextMedia that I think
- 2 ought to also be considered as part of this
- 3 in this question.
- 4 Q. And what's the basis for that?
- 5 A. The basis of that is the
- 6 evidence and testimony that's available in
- 7 the case, and my understanding of the factors
- 8 that were important to practices and their
- 9 enrollment decisions.
- 10 Q. Do you know what factors were
- 11 important to this practice, practices
- 12 referenced in Exhibit 5?
- 13 A. I would need to cross-reference
- 14 this practice against CMS database and see if
- 15 this practice was discussed by some of the
- 16 witnesses.
- 17 I provided examples of testimony
- 18 and evidence in my report. Without
- 19 cross-referencing, I don't know if that
- 20 testimony and evidence related to this
- 21 practice or to other practices, but I do have
- 22 an understanding generally of the factors
- 23 that were important.
- Q. Did you have an understanding,

- 1 from any of the evidence reviewed, that
- 2 Context wanted to have the opportunity to try
- 3 and save its practices if they were notified
- 4 of possible movement to a competitor?
- 5 A. Ms. Lawrence testified about
- 6 that, yes.
- 7 Q. Context, I'm saying.
- 8 A. Oh, excuse me. I'm sorry. I
- 9 misunderstood your question. Can you please
- 10 repeat?
- 11 Q. Right. Did you have an
- 12 understanding that Context wants to have an
- 13 opportunity to try to save practices, its
- 14 practices from switching?
- 15 A. That sounds like a logical
- 16 inference. I believe Mr. Shah may have
- 17 testified about this. I'd have to refresh my
- 18 recollection by reviewing his testimony.
- 19 I also recall him testifying
- 20 that perhaps Context hasn't lost many
- 21 practices. That's my memory.
- Q. Do you think that may be because
- 23 its competitors play right?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.

Page 79 1 I don't have opinions about Α. 2. that. So let me try to understand. 3 Ο. Are you going to be rendering opinions in 4 this case on the issue of causation? 5 Α. I'm going to be offering 6 7 opinions, as I understand it, on damages related to questions, which I think does 8 include an assessment of, again, whether and 9 10 to what extent HAN would have realized 11 incremental sales and profits but for the alleged wrongful conduct. 12 13 And as part of that, I expect to consider issues related to demand for the 14 15 products, issues related to whether that demand is attributable to the alleged 16 wrongful conduct, versus other factors, 17 alternatives available to ContextMedia and to 18 19 practices, HAN's capacity to retain those 20 practices. 21 And then on the unjust 22 enrichment side, there's a question of 23 apportionment. ContextMedia generated sales 24 and profits as a result of converting

- 1 practices to -- from HAN, and the question,
- 2 then, is what's a portion of those sales and
- 3 profits that's attributable to the alleged
- 4 wrongful conduct, vis-a-vis the other
- 5 contributions that ContextMedia made to the
- 6 commercial success of its own products.
- 7 And in order to answer that
- 8 question, I think one ought to consider
- 9 issues related to the same demand driver and
- 10 alternatives that I just discussed.
- 11 So there are a couple of areas
- 12 where causation becomes important to an
- 13 assessment of damages, and if asked, I expect
- 14 to testify about those damages related
- 15 issues.
- 16 Q. At the end of the day, is the
- 17 causation issue as it relates to damages a
- 18 question of why the practice decided to
- 19 switch?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 21 A. That's not the way that I think
- 22 about it in my mind. That could be a
- 23 question to -- for one to ask and consider in
- 24 connection with the damages analysis, but

- 1 there's also the question of what's the
- 2 portion of the available profit that should
- 3 be attributed to the alleged wrongful conduct
- 4 versus the other contributions that
- 5 ContextMedia made.
- 6 O. Let's leave that aside. Let's
- 7 just talk about your but-for causation.
- 8 A. That's part of the same
- 9 consideration, so I don't know what you mean
- 10 by let's keep that to the side.
- 11 Q. Well, what do you believe that
- 12 HAN needs to show for but-for causation?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 14 A. From a damages perspective, in
- 15 order to demonstrate its entitlement to lost
- 16 profits, in my opinion, HAN needs to show
- 17 that but for the alleged wrongful conduct, it
- 18 would have generated incremental sales and
- 19 profits.
- 20 And in order to establish that,
- 21 my opinion, HAN ought to establish that the
- 22 demand for the products and services was
- 23 driven by the alleged wrongful conduct, that
- 24 there weren't acceptable alternatives

- 1 available to the practices nor to
- 2 ContextMedia, and that HAN had the capacity
- 3 to make those sales, and that HAN could have
- 4 made those sales profitably.
- 5 So there are some considerations
- 6 that one ought to consider in order to
- 7 establish but-for causation from a lost
- 8 profits perspective.
- 9 On the profit disgorgement side,
- 10 it's my understanding that the law has said
- 11 that's an equitable measure of relief subject
- 12 to the principles of equity.
- And that's something that the
- 14 Court or the trier of fact is going to
- 15 determine, assuming liability is found, and
- 16 there could be causation in the way issues
- 17 that might weigh on that determination as
- 18 well.
- 19 Q. Is it your opinion that the HAN
- 20 practices that switched to Context switched
- 21 for reasons other than the alleged wrongful
- 22 conduct?
- 23 A. I think that's a reasonable
- 24 conclusion that could be made on the basis of

- 1 the evidence that's available in this case.
- 2 That said, is my opinion that Dr. Wilner had
- 3 not established but-for causation to lost
- 4 profits with the exception of the
- 5 acceleration of conversions. So it's a
- 6 little bit of a nuance answer to your
- 7 question.
- 8 O. But in terms of your conclusion
- 9 that it's reasonable, based on the evidence,
- 10 to conclude that the HAN practices switched
- 11 to Context for reasons other than the alleged
- 12 wrongful conduct, are you relying primarily
- on the evidence relating to what the
- 14 practices communicated to HAN?
- 15 A. There were documents and
- 16 corporate testimony, and there's a lot of
- 17 evidence I considered. And I included that
- 18 in my report. And we can go through it, but
- 19 generally, it includes documents and
- 20 testimony.
- Q. I understand that. Really all
- 22 evidence in this case is either documents or
- 23 testimony. You understand that?
- A. I'm just trying to answer your

- 1 questions as best as I can.
- Q. No, I understand. So I
- 3 understand that the evidence in this case
- 4 consists of documents and testimony. My
- 5 question is that those documents and the
- 6 testimony, as it relates to the issue of a
- 7 HAN practice leaving for reasons other than
- 8 the alleged wrongful conduct, that is based
- 9 on comments made or statements made by a HAN
- 10 practice as to its reasons for leaving?
- 11 A. In part. There's other evidence
- 12 that corroborates that, including documents
- 13 that were prepared in the normal course of
- 14 business by HAN, corporate testimony related
- 15 to those reasons, and my understanding based
- 16 on my discussions with ContextMedia
- 17 personnel, in particular Mr. Demas.
- 18 Q. But in terms of determining why
- 19 a practice, a HAN practice left HAN and went
- 20 to Context, one would have to know why the
- 21 practice decided to do that?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 23 A. Could you please repeat that
- 24 question?

- 1 Q. Right. I'm not trying to make
- 2 this difficult. But in terms of trying to
- 3 determine, form an opinion as to whether a
- 4 HAN practice left for reasons other than the
- 5 alleged wrongful conduct, one would need to
- 6 know from the practice?
- 7 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 8 A. That is, I think, a source that
- 9 one could consider. Indeed, there was some
- 10 of that evidence available in this case from
- 11 the CMS database.
- 12 I also considered the corporate
- 13 testimony of some of the witnesses that were
- 14 involved who had opinions about that topic
- 15 based on their experience and training.
- 16 There's one other caveat that
- 17 I'd like to make, which is that in Dr. Wilner's
- 18 second report, he referenced an industry
- 19 analysis, or an analysis that HAN employees
- 20 prepared.
- That's not something that's been
- 22 made available to me, and so it may be that
- 23 that would be another source of information
- 24 to consider if it's produced, and if the --

- 1 if it's a methodology, if I had an
- 2 understanding of what methodology was
- 3 employed.
- 4 And so generally, I think yeah,
- 5 you'd want to consider all the available
- 6 information that you have in order to ensure
- 7 that you have a reasonable opinion.
- 8 Q. I understand that. But in order
- 9 to determine why a practice left, you're
- 10 going to have to know the reasons for the
- 11 practice's decision, correct?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 13 A. Generally, I agree that in order
- 14 to understand why a practice left, you or one
- 15 could consider the evidence from that
- 16 practice about why they left.
- 17 Q. And the testimony, the corporate
- 18 testimony that you have referenced, the HAN
- 19 employee testimony and corporate testimony,
- 20 their testimony about why practices left is
- 21 based on what practices tell them?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 23 A. They did testify that they -- I
- 24 included a section in my report about this,

- 1 that they were -- they used databases in the
- 2 normal course of their business, and they
- 3 viewed that as the best source of company
- 4 information about why practices left; and
- 5 that they were trained to determine customers
- 6 reasons for leaving.
- 7 And they also testified that
- 8 they believed that those practices were, by
- 9 and large, truthful, but they also may have
- 10 opinions based on their positions and
- 11 understanding of the market and the products.
- 12 And I think that that's something that one
- 13 could probably consider as well, seeing -- on
- 14 the ContextMedia side.
- 15 O. Do you believe that you have any
- 16 scientific knowledge that will help the jury
- 17 understand why a HAN practice decided to
- 18 leave?
- 19 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 20 A. I think I have expert opinions
- 21 about the application of the evidence
- 22 associated with why practices decided to
- 23 leave, to a profit disgorgement calculation,
- 24 that I think I could help the trier of fact

- 1 understand.
- 2 That said, my opinions are based
- 3 on the evidence that's been made available in
- 4 this case, including the documents in the
- 5 associated deposition testimony. That's not
- 6 something that I have personal knowledge
- 7 about, rather I have reviewed that evidence
- 8 in order to determine or provide opinions
- 9 about the portion of the profits that are
- 10 attributable to the various factors that
- 11 drive sales.
- 12 Q. And so I'm going to stick with
- 13 my question. I'm going to be very specific
- 14 on it. And I'm going to go through sort of
- 15 several that are going to be like it.
- 16 Do you believe that you have
- 17 scientific knowledge that will assist the
- 18 jury in determining why a particular practice
- 19 decided to leave HAN and go --
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- Q. -- to Context?
- 22 A. Same answer as the one I just
- 23 gave.
- Q. You didn't answer it. My

- 1 question is, yes or no, do you believe that
- 2 you have scientific knowledge that you
- 3 believe will assist the jury in determining
- 4 why a HAN practice decided to leave HAN and
- 5 go to Context?
- 6 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 7 A. My answer is the same, which is
- 8 that I'm -- it's the application of that to
- 9 the determination of damages is where my
- 10 expertise comes in.
- 11 I'm not offering opinions about
- 12 why a particular practice left on a
- 13 scientific basis or a personal knowledge
- 14 basis. What I'm offering opinions about is
- 15 the profit related and damages related
- 16 issues.
- 17 Q. Do you believe that a jury of
- 18 lay people is capable of determining, without
- 19 expert testimony, why a HAN practice decided
- 20 to leave HAN and join Context?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 22 A. I don't have an opinion about
- 23 that. A couple things that are coming to
- 24 mind, for example, is that Dr. Wilner

- 1 referenced industry experts or employee
- 2 experts from HAN that he needed to rely upon
- 3 in order to make that determination.
- 4 Of course, there's other
- 5 evidence and testimony in this case that I
- 6 think gets to the essence of that issue. I
- 7 do think I could assist the trier of fact in
- 8 providing the nexus between some of those
- 9 demand drivers and the determination of
- 10 damages or profits.
- 11 O. But on the core fundamental
- 12 issue of why a practice decided to leave HAN
- 13 and join Context, you believe that the jury
- 14 can determine that issue without expert
- 15 testimony, don't you?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 17 A. I don't have an opinion about
- 18 that. I don't have an opinion about that.
- 19 Q. But it's not your intent to
- 20 provide expert testimony on that issue, why a
- 21 practice left -- simply this issue -- why a
- 22 practice left HAN and joined Context?
- 23 A. I think that that question has
- 24 relevance to the determination of damages,

- 1 including lost profits damages and profit
- 2 disgorgement damages, and I think it ought to
- 3 be properly considered in order to quantify
- 4 damages.
- 5 So that's really an input into a
- 6 damages analysis, as opposed to that I'm
- 7 providing, in the de novo source of providing
- 8 an industry expert opinion and/or something
- 9 like that, that I would characterize as where
- 10 I'm the de novo source of that information.
- 11 Does that clarify?
- 12 O. It doesn't. So do you believe
- 13 that you have any technical expertise that
- 14 would assist a jury in understanding simply
- 15 why a practice decided to switch from HAN to
- 16 Context?
- 17 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 18 A. And I'm giving the same answer
- 19 that I've been providing you, which is that
- 20 it's the nexus between that decision and the
- 21 determination of damages is where I can
- 22 assist the trier of fact.
- It's understanding measures of
- 24 monetary relief, and how that evidence

- 1 impacts the type of relief that may be
- 2 available to HAN upon a finding of liability.
- 3 Q. But my question is -- I'm
- 4 leaving aside the nexus. I'm talking simply
- 5 on the issue of why a practice decided to
- 6 leave HAN and join Context. Do you believe
- 7 you have any technical expertise that would
- 8 aid the jury in determining that specific
- 9 issue?
- 10 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 11 A. Potentially.
- 12 O. How so?
- 13 A. Dr. Wilner has referenced an
- 14 analysis that was conducted by employee
- 15 experts. That analysis has not been made
- 16 available to me.
- 17 If made available, I would want
- 18 to try to understand the facts and data that
- 19 was relied upon, the methodology that was
- 20 employed, and I may be able to offer opinions
- 21 about whether that methodology supports the
- 22 conclusions that Dr. Wilner purports.
- 23 It hasn't been made available to
- 24 me, and so I don't know whether or not I

- 1 would have opinions to offer about that.
- 2 Generally, though, my opinions
- 3 relate to the nexus issues related to
- 4 damages, and the calculation of damages, as
- 5 opposed to having independent technical
- 6 opinions about the reasons why practices
- 7 switched.
- 8 I calculate damages based on my
- 9 understanding of some of those factors, and I
- 10 think that they ought to be considered in the
- 11 determination of damages.
- 12 O. Have you ever been engaged as an
- 13 expert to opine on whether a literally false
- 14 statement caused a customer to stop doing
- 15 business with someone?
- 16 A. We talked a little bit about
- 17 this this morning. I have provided opinions
- 18 on damages and causation related issues in
- 19 Lanham Act matters; and, in my mind, there's
- 20 not a difference between a literally false
- 21 statement and other false advertising or
- 22 false designation of origin.
- When I think about damages, I
- 24 think about whether lost profits are

- 1 appropriate and/or the portion of profits
- 2 that is attributable to the alleged wrongful
- 3 conduct. It may be that I have. It would
- 4 depend on whether or not there were
- 5 allegations of literally false statements in
- 6 some of the cases that I've worked on.
- 7 Q. But you don't recall, as you sit
- 8 here?
- 9 A. Well, for example, we talked
- 10 this morning about the ICM Controls,
- 11 Honeywell matter. And if memory serves,
- 12 there were allegations there of "Made in the
- 13 USA." And I don't recall whether that was
- 14 literal falsehood or not, but I did opine as
- 15 to issues related to causation and damages,
- 16 profit disgorgement, and lost profits.
- 17 Q. And in that case, did you render
- an opinion as to whether the statement "Made"
- 19 in the USA" caused or did not cause the
- 20 plaintiffs to suffer damages?
- 21 A. If memory serves, I did, yes.
- 22 Q. And what were your opinions?
- 23 A. I don't recall precisely. I had
- 24 opinions about damages.

- 1 O. Do you recall how you went about
- 2 trying to determine whether or not the
- 3 statement "Made in the USA" did or did not
- 4 cause damages?
- 5 A. Well, the framework that I use
- 6 in this case is the same framework that I
- 7 would use in any case, which is to first
- 8 start by asking the question would the
- 9 plaintiff have realized incremental sales and
- 10 profits but for the alleged wrongful conduct.
- 11 And in the case of a Lanham Act,
- 12 or false designation of origin case, I would
- 13 also ask the question what are the profits
- 14 that were realized by the defendant on a sale
- of the accused products, and then what's the
- 16 portion of those profits, if any, that is
- 17 attributable to the alleged wrongful conduct,
- 18 vis-a-vis other contributions that the
- 19 defendant made for the commercial success of
- 20 those products.
- 21 Q. And how did you do it
- 22 specifically in that case? Did you talk to
- 23 any customers?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection to

Page 96 form. Compound. 1 2. MR. COWAN: Fair objection. In that case, did you talk to 3 Ο. 4 any customers? 5 If memory serves, there was an industry expert that I did talk to, who I 6 7 believe had experience as a customer. It was 8 more of a consumer product type of a product. 9 Do you have an opinion as to 10 what would be the best way to determine 11 whether a literally false statement made by a 12 competitor caused the customer to switch to the competitor? 13 14 I mean, I have opinions about 15 the factors that ought to be considered in making that determination, sure. 16 And I'm talking about what would 17 Ο. be the best way to try to make that 18 determination? 19 20 I have opinions about -- that I 21 think are appropriate and reasonable. 22 Q. Sure. What are those? 23 Α. Well, one ought to consider 24 whether or not, but for the alleged wrongful

- 1 statements, there would have been any
- 2 difference in the sales and profits realized
- 3 by the plaintiff after considering the
- 4 factors that we've talked about. And I can
- 5 run through them again if you'd like, or not?
- 6 Q. No, that's okay, but what's the
- 7 best way to go about making that
- 8 determination?
- 9 A. The same process that I just
- 10 explained. Would you like me to try to
- 11 provide more --
- 12 O. So do you believe it would be
- important to talk directly with a customer to
- 14 make that determination?
- 15 A. That's not always something
- 16 that's available.
- 17 Q. I understand it's not always
- 18 available. These are customers. The
- 19 practices we're talking about are practices
- 20 of Context, correct?
- 21 A. My last answer was incomplete.
- Q. Go ahead.
- 23 A. I lost my train of thought.
- Q. You said it's not something

- 1 that's always available.
- 2 A. Well, in my experience, parties
- 3 in litigation typically do not like to
- 4 involve their customers in the litigation
- 5 process, so that's not something that's
- 6 always available to me.
- 7 I didn't speak with any
- 8 practices in this case, but I had a lot of
- 9 evidence to consider, including deposition
- 10 testimony and the records that we talked
- 11 about this morning, in order to reach a
- 12 reasonable conclusion.
- Q. Would it have been helpful to
- 14 talk to any of the HAN practices that
- 15 switched to Context?
- 16 A. I had sufficient information to
- 17 render my opinions, so if they were made
- 18 available to me, sure, I'd talk to them.
- 19 Q. That wasn't my question. My
- 20 question was, would it have been helpful to
- 21 have talked to the HAN practices that
- 22 switched to Context?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- A. Helpful in the sense of

- 1 furthering my understanding?
- 2 Q. Sure. Rendering your opinions.
- 3 A. I had sufficient information to
- 4 render my opinions. If they were made
- 5 available, I would expect to talk to them. I
- 6 don't know.
- 7 Q. My question, sir, is very
- 8 straightforward. Would it have been helpful
- 9 to you, in rendering your opinions and
- 10 formulating your conclusions, to have talked
- 11 to any of the HAN practices that switched?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 13 That's not straightforward, and it calls for
- 14 speculation, and it's been asked and
- 15 answered.
- 16 A. Same answer as the one I've been
- 17 giving.
- 18 O. So you would have done it if it
- 19 was made available, but it's not something
- 20 you felt necessary to do?
- 21 A. That's a fair characterization.
- 22 I had a lot of evidence in this case to
- 23 consider.
- Q. Did you ask?

Page 100 1 Α. No. 2. Was it offered to you? Ο. I don't recall that, no. Sir? 3 Α. Go ahead. 4 Ο. 5 MR. HANKINSON: Did we mark this e-mail from Deven Tatum dated January 3rd? 6 MR. COWAN: I thought we did. 7 8 MR. HANKINSON: Is it 5? 9 MR. COWAN: Yes. 10 MR. HANKINSON: Thanks. 11 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you. 12 BY MR. COWAN: Do you believe it would be 13 important to tell the customer what the 14 15 literally false statements were in order to determine whether the statements caused the 16 customer to switch? 17 I don't understand that 18 19 question. 20 If you're trying to determine, 21 as I think you are in this case, whether a 22 false statement made to a practice caused 23 them to switch, do you believe that it would 24 be important to tell the customer what the

- 1 false statement was in order to reach that
- 2 determination?
- A. No, not necessarily.
- 4 Q. Why not?
- 5 A. Well, I think one ought to
- 6 consider the available evidence about what
- 7 caused that practice to switch. I don't
- 8 think that requires the provision that you
- 9 asked me about.
- 10 Q. So if the practice does not know
- its lied to, how can you tell whether or not
- 12 that was a factor in its decision to switch?
- 13 A. I think one can make the
- 14 determination based on the individual
- 15 practices, and what they said and what was
- 16 important to them, along with the testimony
- and the documents that were prepared in the
- 18 normal course of business by the party too.
- 19 So if there was additional
- 20 information that a practice provided about
- 21 what drove its decision, then sure, I'd want
- 22 to consider that.
- 23 Q. Have you ever been involved in
- 24 Lanham Act cases involving false advertising

- 1 where customers were actually provided what
- 2 the alleged false statement was, and asked to
- 3 provide their commentary on it in terms of
- 4 whether or not it influenced their decision?
- 5 A. I think so. I don't know about
- 6 the literally false aspect, if that was a
- 7 predicate of your question, but I think
- 8 that -- I think so.
- 9 Q. Why is that done --
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 11 Q. -- to your knowledge?
- 12 A. To further an understanding of
- 13 the portion of profits that may be
- 14 attributable to the alleged wrongful conduct,
- 15 vis-a-vis the other contributions that the
- 16 defendant makes to the commercial success of
- 17 the accused product.
- 18 Q. And that was not done by you or
- 19 Context in this case, correct?
- 20 A. Can you tell me what the "that"
- 21 is?
- 22 Q. Providing to the customer,
- 23 telling the customer the actual false
- 24 statement, and asking them to comment on it

- 1 in terms of their decision to switch, or its
- 2 impact on them.
- 3 A. Right. I mean, there was not a
- 4 survey that was conducted that I'm aware of
- 5 in this case. In some cases there are
- 6 surveys that may be available.
- 7 O. And when it's done, why is that
- 8 done?
- 9 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 10 A. Well, there could be surveys
- done for all sorts of reasons; for example,
- 12 sometimes in the normal course of business,
- 13 companies survey their customers in order to
- 14 help understand how to modify their products
- 15 to respond to competitive advantages or
- 16 competitive situations in the marketplace.
- 17 And in the context of
- 18 litigation, sometimes surveys are performed
- 19 to establish liability reasons, or for
- 20 liability reasons, and sometimes surveys are
- 21 performed in order to assist in the
- 22 determination of damages. So that happens
- 23 from time to time for a myriad of reasons.
- 24 O. The comments from customers that

- 1 are reflected in the CMS database concerning
- 2 their reasons for leaving HAN and going to
- 3 Context, were those comments all made after
- 4 the practice had decided to switch to
- 5 Context?
- 6 A. I think we'd have to go look at
- 7 that CMS database, and I'd need to take
- 8 another look at that in order to answer the
- 9 question. I think that should be
- 10 determinable.
- 11 If memory serves, there were
- 12 some practices that -- for which entries were
- 13 made that subsequently didn't switch, or
- 14 there have been some instances of that, and I
- 15 just don't know from a factual standpoint
- 16 without looking at the underlying document.
- 17 Q. Well, would you agree with me
- 18 that if HAN contacted a practice to ask them
- 19 why they had cancelled, that would have been
- 20 done after, at least after HAN received
- 21 notice that they had cancelled?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 23 A. That sounds intuitive to me;
- 24 but, again, I just would need to go look at

- 1 that document. And I don't recall precisely
- 2 whether there may be instances of entries
- 3 that were made outside of the context of a
- 4 particular practice switching, or a practice
- 5 that was retained. I just am not a hundred
- 6 percent sure without looking at that
- 7 document.
- 8 Q. Is that something that would be
- 9 important to you to know?
- 10 A. Can you help me with the "that"
- 11 again?
- 12 O. Would it be important, in the
- 13 context of the opinions that you're rendering
- in this case, to know whether the comments
- 15 that you're relying upon, where the practice
- 16 is commenting on its reasons for switching,
- 17 were made after it had decided to cancel with
- 18 HAN?
- 19 A. I think I would consider
- 20 available information if it was prospective
- 21 or retrospective. Again, it sounds intuitive
- 22 to me that most of the comments in the CMS
- 23 database were retrospective comments, but I
- 24 would also consider, if available,

- 1 prospective comments.
- 2 Q. Do you know whether or not
- 3 Context coached any HAN practices about what
- 4 to tell HAN when HAN called about the
- 5 cancellation?
- 6 A. I'm aware of those allegations
- 7 that have been made, and I read that in
- 8 Dr. Wilner's report, and I also recall, I
- 9 believe, Ms. Lawrence testifying about that.
- 10 I'm not aware of that.
- 11 Q. Did you ask anyone at Context if
- 12 they did so?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. That would be important,
- 15 wouldn't it?
- 16 A. I'm not aware of evidence about
- 17 that. If there was evidence that, again, for
- 18 any particular practice, that there was
- 19 alleged wrongful conduct that resulted in the
- 20 conversion of a practice, that's something
- 21 that I would want to understand and consider,
- 22 but I'm not aware of that.
- Q. I'm not talking about alleged
- 24 wrongful conduct in connection with

- 1 conversion of a practice.
- What I'm saying is it would be
- 3 important to you to know whether a comment
- 4 that was made by a practice that's reflected
- 5 in the CMS database was based on coaching
- 6 from Context?
- 7 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 8 A. Depends.
- 9 Q. Can you imagine a situation in
- 10 the world where that would not be important
- 11 to you?
- 12 A. Yeah. Depends on why that
- 13 practice made the determination to switch.
- 14 And the question, then, is was it due to the
- 15 alleged wrongful conduct, or was it due to
- 16 other factors.
- 17 If it was due to the alleged
- 18 wrongful conduct, then that's something that
- 19 would, I think, give rise to damages; if it
- 20 was not, then I think it would not.
- 21 Q. And maybe we may be
- 22 misconnecting here.
- 23 A. Okay.
- Q. My question, first of all, it is

- 1 true that you considered and relied upon
- 2 comments made by practices to HAN, as
- 3 reflected in the documents, about their
- 4 reasons for cancelling and switching to
- 5 Context?
- 6 A. Yes, along with the testimony
- 7 and other evidence.
- 8 Q. And if those comments that you
- 9 relied upon by the practice were based on
- 10 coaching from Context, that would be
- 11 important to know, correct?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 13 A. Again, it depends on --
- 14 potentially, it depends on whether or not the
- 15 practice was converted as a result of the
- 16 alleged wrongful conduct.
- 17 Q. You're assuming they were?
- 18 A. No. I'm assuming that they
- 19 converted from HAN to Context. I'm not
- 20 assuming that they were converted because of
- 21 the alleged wrongful conduct. That's a
- 22 question that needs to be answered in order
- 23 to determine damages.
- 24 O. I'm sorry. I missed it. I

- 1 thought we began this whole discussion by you
- 2 saying everything you're doing is based on
- 3 the assumption that there's proven liability
- 4 that it was alleged wrongful conduct?
- 5 A. I did make that assumption, yes.
- 6 Q. We agree that you have relied
- 7 upon comments made by practices to HAN
- 8 personnel, when they were contacted by HAN
- 9 personnel to ask them about why they were
- 10 cancelling?
- 11 A. In part. I reviewed that, along
- 12 with other testimony and documents, yes.
- Q. Would you concede to me that
- 14 that is a large part of your but-for
- 15 analysis?
- 16 A. That's a -- large is on a
- 17 continuum. I'm trying to navigate this with
- 18 you. It's something that I considered, along
- 19 with the balance of analyses I performed in
- 20 my report.
- Q. And if the comments that you
- 22 relied upon were based on coaching by
- 23 Context, that would be important to you?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.

- 1 A. I'm saying -- the question that
- 2 I'm trying to answer is whether the alleged
- 3 wrongful conduct caused damages, and the role
- 4 that the alleged wrongful conduct played in,
- 5 or the portion of the profits that
- 6 ContextMedia realized that's attributable to
- 7 the alleged wrongful conduct.
- 8 The alleged coaching may be a
- 9 factor that would have an impact on whether a
- 10 particular practice was converted as a result
- of the alleged wrongful conduct, but it may
- 12 not, even assuming the alleged coaching was
- 13 what transpired.
- 14 It would really depend on
- 15 whether or not that practice would have
- 16 converted from HAN to ContextMedia but for
- 17 the alleged wrongful conduct. And that's a
- 18 determination that needs to be made.
- 19 Q. Right. But you have concluded
- 20 that practices switched not for the alleged
- 21 wrongful conduct, but for other reasons?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 23 A. I think that's a reasonable
- 24 conclusion that one could make based on the

- 1 evidence that's available in this case.
- 2 O. And much of that conclusion is
- 3 based on comments that the practices gave to
- 4 HAN as to why they switched?
- 5 A. Some of that conclusion is based
- 6 on that evidence.
- 7 Q. For example, you've got in your
- 8 report, do you not, reference to practices
- 9 saying we thought that the HAN content was
- 10 boring?
- 11 A. That's generally consistent with
- 12 what I recall some of the practices have
- 13 said. Now, that's also consistent with what
- 14 some of the witnesses have said.
- 15 O. And if it turns out that Context
- 16 employees had coached the practice to tell
- 17 HAN when they were contacted, tell them that
- 18 you thought the reason you're leaving is
- 19 because you thought it was boring, that would
- 20 be important to you?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- A. Again, it's the same answer as
- 23 I've been saying it. It would -- in order
- 24 for that to have an impact on damages, you

- 1 need to determine whether or not that changes
- 2 the practices that were converted by
- 3 ContextMedia from HAN but for the alleged
- 4 wrongful conduct. And it may or may not. It
- 5 would depend on that particular practice. So
- 6 that's the answer.
- 7 O. And how would you determine
- 8 that?
- 9 A. You would determine it by
- 10 considering whether or not that practice,
- 11 that particular practice would have not been
- 12 converted by ContextMedia but for the alleged
- 13 wrongful conduct.
- 14 O. How would you do that?
- 15 A. By considering the available
- 16 evidence.
- 17 O. If the available evidence
- 18 consisted of comments that were made by the
- 19 practice based on coaching from Context, how
- 20 would you make that determination?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 22 A. You would want to consider the
- 23 evidence I considered in my report in order
- 24 to make that determination. And if there's a

- 1 particular practice for which it wouldn't
- 2 have been converted but for the alleged
- 3 wrongful conduct, then I think the next
- 4 question is would that practice have been
- 5 retained by HAN, what alternatives would that
- 6 practice have considered, what alternatives
- 7 were available to ContextMedia, and you need
- 8 to keep considering the balance of the
- 9 causation factors.
- 10 Q. But it is true that your
- 11 opinions and conclusions in this case are
- 12 based, at least in part, on what the HAN
- 13 practice told HAN after it had cancelled with
- 14 HAN?
- 15 A. That is part of the evidence
- 16 that I considered, along with the other
- 17 evidence.
- 18 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 6
- 19 was marked for identification.)
- Q. Let me hand you what's been
- 21 marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 6. Take a
- 22 minute and read this, and see if you are
- 23 familiar with this document.
- A. (After reviewing document) I've

- 1 reviewed this document.
- Q. Who is Sylvia Velazquez?
- 3 A. I don't have a title for Sylvia
- 4 Velazquez.
- 5 Q. Do you know what her role is at
- 6 Context?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. In her e-mail, which is at the
- 9 top of the first page of Exhibit 6, the last
- 10 full paragraph, she says, "From my end, I
- 11 think issues arise when the clinic thinks the
- 12 competitor is going to be in good spirits
- 13 that they're cancelling their contract.
- 14 "Similar to when any of us
- 15 cancel cable TV, a credit card, a gym
- 16 membership, the company will be a bit annoyed
- 17 and push to retain.
- 18 "The clinics should be ready to
- 19 expect this, and I try to prep them for this
- 20 as best I can during my confirmation call
- 21 with the new member." Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know what it is that
- 24 Ms. Velazquez does when she tries to prep the

- 1 practice in advance of the call from the
- 2 competitor who is losing the practice?
- 3 MR. HANKINSON: Objection to
- 4 form.
- 5 A. No. I would defer to the folks
- 6 at ContextMedia. No.
- 7 Q. Would it be important to you to
- 8 know what prepping was done by ContextMedia
- 9 in advance of a call from HAN to the practice
- 10 concerning cancellation?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 12 A. I don't think so. Only to the
- 13 extent that it would -- if there was an
- 14 influence on the practice enrollment
- 15 decision, then it may.
- But in this type of an example
- 17 was what I was trying to explain before.
- 18 We've got, it appears, an office that wanted
- 19 to go with ContextMedia, and that decision is
- 20 what drives the revenue to some degree from
- 21 ContextMedia side.
- 22 And the question then is would
- 23 this revenue have been realized by
- 24 ContextMedia absent the alleged wrongful

- 1 conduct. That's the question that we need to
- 2 answer.
- 3 Q. So let's use this as an example,
- 4 as you said.
- 5 A. Sure.
- 6 Q. If the reason that the practice
- 7 decided to switch was because they were told
- 8 that the HAN loop consisted of 50 percent
- 9 ads, and that's the reason they decided to
- 10 leave, that would be a decision based on an
- improper or an unlawful conduct, correct?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 13 A. Under the assumption that that's
- 14 my understanding of what the allegations are
- of some of the alleged wrongful conduct.
- 16 And so if that practice made the
- 17 decision to leave as a result of that alleged
- 18 wrongful conduct, and that does have
- 19 implications as to lost profits, and it also
- 20 has implications as to profit disgorgement,
- 21 and they're separate considerations. So do
- 22 you want me to keep talking about that,
- 23 or --
- 24 Q. No.

- 1 A. Okay.
- 2 Q. And if that same practice was
- 3 coached or prepped by Context to tell HAN
- 4 that the reason they left was because they
- 5 found the program boring or repetitive, that
- 6 would be important to know?
- 7 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 8 Speculation.
- 9 A. What I'm trying to say is in
- order to determine damages, a determination
- 11 needs to be made of whether and to what
- 12 extent the revenues and profits of HAN and
- 13 ContextMedia would have been changed or have
- 14 been implicated by the alleged wrongful
- 15 conduct.
- And that's not -- in my mind,
- 17 there's a question as to whether there's any
- 18 linkage with respect to the alleged coaching.
- 19 I did consider evidence about practice
- 20 enrollment decisions, along with the
- 21 testimony, so it just depends, is my answer.
- Q. And I'm not suggesting that the
- 23 coaching was the reason for the switch. I'm
- 24 suggesting that the coaching impacts the

- 1 evidence that you've relied upon to make a
- 2 determination that the practice switched for
- 3 legitimate reasons.
- 4 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 5 Calls for speculation.
- 6 A. Same answer as the one I've been
- 7 giving, which is the focus is on the -- my
- 8 focus is on what would have happened but for
- 9 the alleged wrongful conduct in terms of
- 10 sales and profits.
- 11 And there's a lot of evidence,
- 12 including the CMS database, and the
- deposition testimony of fact witnesses, and
- 14 documents that were prepared in the normal
- 15 course of business, so it is something that I
- 16 would consider.
- 17 And to the extent that I learn
- 18 of alleged coaching with respect to a
- 19 particular practice, that's something that I
- 20 think I would consider.
- 21 I'm not prepared to say that
- 22 that's going to have an impact on my
- 23 conclusions. I would just need to understand
- 24 the nature of the allegation.

Page 119 1 MR. COWAN: Fair enough. It's 2. 12:12. Do you want to take a break for lunch? 3 4 THE WITNESS: That sounds good. 5 I'm getting hungry. MR. HANKINSON: That would be 6 7 fine. 8 (Lunch recess.) 9 MR. COWAN: Let's go back on. 10 Turn to page 48 of your report Ο. 11 if you would. (Complies with request.) 12 In the section here, you say, 13 "Based on my review, while certain comments 14 within the CMS database indicate that HAN 15 personnel were querying practices as to the 16 reasons underlying their switch, and 17 ContextMedia's alleged wrongful conduct and 18 19 recording their responses, the recorded 20 comments indicate that the practice 21 enrollment decisions were ultimately based on 22 factors unrelated to the alleged wrongful 23 conduct." Do you see that? 24 Α. Yes.

- 1 Q. And then you go through and you
- 2 have some citations to various locations
- 3 there; is that right?
- 4 A. Right.
- 5 Q. What were you trying to convey
- 6 here? What was the point you were trying to
- 7 make in this section?
- 8 A. Trying to assess two things.
- 9 One, I was trying to assess Dr. Wilner's
- 10 assumption of causation for lost profits.
- 11 And then second, I was
- 12 interested in assessing the portion of ethics
- media profits that may be reasonably
- 14 attributed to the alleged wrongful conduct.
- 15 So these are some qualitative factors that I
- 16 think are -- have some bearing on those
- 17 issues.
- 18 Q. And what are the qualitative
- 19 factors?
- 20 A. What are those qualitative
- 21 factors?
- Q. Right.
- 23 A. I would refer you again to
- 24 page 17 of my report, where I have a bullet

- 1 listing of some of the qualitative factors,
- 2 including some of the factors that drive
- 3 customer enrollment decisions, and the
- 4 relative importance of those factors;
- 5 differences between the products of HAN on
- 6 the one hand and ContextMedia on the other
- 7 hand; evidence associated with whether the
- 8 practices were converted that's attributable
- 9 to the alleged wrongful conduct, as well as
- 10 my consideration of alternatives.
- 11 Q. Let's go back to page 48, the
- 12 reference to the Okolocha Medical Corp.
- 13 What were you trying to convey here?
- 14 A. I was trying to convey the
- 15 evidence associated with the reasons for the
- 16 switch from HAN to ContextMedia.
- 17 Q. And as I understand it, you
- 18 believe that this evidence, as it's reflected
- 19 relating to Okolocha Medical Corp.,
- 20 demonstrates to you that the practice
- 21 enrollment decision was ultimately based on
- 22 factors unrelated to the alleged wrongful
- 23 conduct?
- 24 A. I think it's unreasonable to

- 1 conclude that the alleged wrongful conduct
- 2 was the primary determinant with respect to
- 3 this practice and other practices, and for
- 4 the reasons that are included in the section
- 5 there for Okolocha Medical Corp., as well as
- 6 some of the other evidence and testimony in
- 7 my report.
- 8 Q. You used the qualifier primary.
- 9 Why?
- 10 A. Could we please have your
- 11 question and my answer read back?
- 12 O. Sure.
- 13 A. Because I wasn't thinking of it
- 14 that way.
- 15 MR. COWAN: Go ahead and read
- 16 that back, Sue.
- 17 (The record was read by the court reporter.)
- 18 A. I think you could remove the
- 19 word primary from that answer, and the
- 20 substance of my opinion would be the same.
- Q. And how is it that, reading the
- 22 reported comments here on page 48 relating to
- 23 Okolocha, you arrive at the conclusion that
- the alleged wrongful conduct had no impact on

- 1 the decision of this practice to switch?
- A. I'm not aware of evidence that
- 3 would suggest that the alleged wrongful
- 4 conduct was attributable, or the -- I could
- 5 state it another way.
- 6 I'm not aware of evidence that
- 7 would corroborate that the practice decision
- 8 was driven by the alleged wrongful conduct,
- 9 vis-a-vis the other factors that are outlined
- 10 here.
- 11 Q. Right. But what you say is the
- 12 recorded comments, referring to what you have
- 13 here on page 48, indicate that the practice
- 14 enrollment decisions were ultimately based on
- 15 factors unrelated to the alleged wrongful
- 16 conduct. What in this comment leads you to
- 17 that conclusion?
- 18 A. This comment is an example of
- 19 practices indicating that the program was
- 20 less desirable than -- well, at least the HAN
- 21 program, the comment is that the program did
- 22 not have a lot on it. It was boring.
- 23 And that's generally consistent
- 24 with some of the other comments that I've

- 1 seen with respect to other practice
- 2 enrollment decisions.
- And so what I was trying to do
- 4 was understand, again, what were the factors
- 5 that were considered by the practices, and
- 6 how important was the alleged wrongful
- 7 conduct by way of comparison with some of the
- 8 other factors. And ultimately, I think that
- 9 gets to the issue of apportionment.
- 10 Q. Do you know whether or not any
- 11 false statements were made to Okolocha
- 12 Medical Corp. by Context?
- 13 A. I have assumed that liability
- 14 will be found. And that said, I do not know
- 15 or have an opinion that there was an alleged
- 16 false statement made to that particular
- 17 facility.
- 18 O. And are you drawing the
- 19 conclusion that this practice was not
- 20 influenced by any false statement made to it
- 21 by Context because there's no reference to
- 22 the false statement in here?
- 23 A. Well, there is no reference to
- 24 the false statement in here that I can see,

- 1 but my conclusion that HAN has not
- 2 established causation includes considerations
- 3 associated with drivers of demand and
- 4 enrollment decisions, but also includes
- 5 considerations associated with alternatives
- 6 and some of the other factors referenced in
- 7 my report. So I think it's a bit broader
- 8 than as is implied by your question.
- 9 Q. And I'm just trying to
- 10 understand. You have cited this as evidence
- 11 that the practice enrollment decision of this
- 12 practice was ultimately based on factors
- 13 unrelated to the alleged wrongful conduct.
- How can you say, based on this
- 15 statement here, that the practice made its
- 16 decision not based on unlawful conduct?
- 17 A. I don't see evidence that would
- 18 tend to corroborate that the decision was
- 19 made on the basis of the alleged wrongful
- 20 conduct, and I also considered other factors
- 21 beyond the factors contained in the CMS
- 22 database in order to reach my conclusion that
- 23 but-for causation has not been established by
- 24 HAN.

- 1 0. What other factors, other than
- 2 what's here, did you believe influenced
- 3 Okolocha Medical Corp.'s decision?
- 4 A. Well, there's evidence in the
- 5 CMS database that indicates that the Okolocha
- 6 Medical Corp. noted that the HAN program did
- 7 not have a lot on it, and that was boring.
- 8 I've also considered that the
- 9 HAN witnesses and Dr. Wilner have not
- 10 identified evidence that would suggest that
- 11 the alleged wrongful conduct was the reason
- 12 that the practices switched.
- I also considered, again, the
- other bullets contained on page 17 of my
- 15 report that I think are important to consider
- 16 as well.
- 17 Q. Do you believe that the fact
- 18 that Sheila at Okolocha was, at least
- 19 according to the comment that you've
- 20 referenced, told by the HAN representative
- 21 that Context's removal of HAN's equipment put
- 22 her in jeopardy of being liable for
- 23 equipment, may have had any impact on the
- 24 statement made by Sheila later that the

- 1 program did not have a lot on it and it was
- 2 boring?
- 3 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 4 A. I'm sorry. I've become somewhat
- 5 distracted by the pen. Could we please
- 6 re-ask that question?
- 7 O. Sure.
- 8 A. Thank you.
- 9 Q. I'll just ask it again. Do you
- 10 believe that the fact, as evidenced by the
- 11 recorded comment that you've referred to
- 12 here, that Sheila was told by the HAN
- 13 representative that Context's removal of
- 14 HAN's equipment put her in jeopardy of being
- 15 liable for the equipment, may have had any
- 16 impact on any of her later statements?
- 17 A. I'm not aware of evidence that
- 18 would suggest that. The testimony in the
- 19 case was that the -- for the most part, the
- 20 HAN witnesses believed that the folks that
- 21 they were engaging with on the practice side
- 22 were being truthful. And so I am aware of
- 23 that evidence. I'm not aware of anything to
- 24 suggest otherwise.

- 1 Q. And I'm not asking you for
- 2 evidence that suggests that. You have
- 3 rendered, or are going to be rendering
- 4 opinions based on this statement here,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. Well --
- 7 O. You're drawing conclusions from
- 8 the words that are in the recorded comments,
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. In combination with the
- 11 testimony about those comments and the other
- 12 documents, sure.
- Q. But just focusing on the
- 14 comments, which is what's set forth on
- 15 page 48, do you have any belief, any view
- 16 whatsoever as to whether when the office
- 17 person at Okolocha was told by the HAN
- 18 representative that Context's removal of the
- 19 HAN equipment could put them in jeopardy of
- 20 being liable for the equipment, may have had
- 21 any impact on her later comments?
- 22 A. I'm not aware of any evidence
- 23 that suggests that I did. And so I'm taking
- 24 it at face value, along with the testimony

- 1 and other evidence associated with these
- 2 practice enrollments.
- 3 Q. And I'm not asking you for
- 4 evidence. I'm just saying human nature,
- 5 you're commenting about -- you're using this
- 6 as evidence to support your views. Would
- 7 human nature suggest that that's possible?
- 8 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 9 A. I took the evidence at face
- 10 value. I did not try to inject my own
- 11 opinions about human nature. And so if
- 12 there's evidence that would suggest, that
- 13 comes out that this ought not be considered,
- 14 then I can assess that at the time.
- 15 For this statement, and the
- 16 balance of the other statements in my report,
- 17 I used diligence in reviewing those, and in
- 18 reviewing the associated deposition testimony
- 19 in order to try to reach a reasonable
- 20 conclusion.
- 21 And so I think, on the basis of
- 22 the testimony that the HAN employees are
- 23 trained in order to identify the reasons that
- 24 practices left, and that they made notes in

- 1 the normal course of their business into the
- 2 database, and that they believe that those
- 3 people were being truthful, you know, that
- 4 led me to believe that my reliance on this
- 5 information, in part, was appropriate.
- 6 Q. So you have no opinion one way
- 7 or the other as to whether or not a practice
- 8 personnel's response or statements might be
- 9 influenced if they were told that they might
- 10 be in jeopardy of being held liable for
- 11 Context's removal of the HAN equipment?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 13 A. Same answer that I just gave. I
- 14 took these at face value, and I did not --
- 15 that's the answer.
- 16 Q. So I still don't know if I got
- 17 an answer. Do you or do you not have an
- 18 opinion?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 20 A. Can I please hear the question
- 21 one more time?
- Q. Right. Do you have an opinion
- 23 as to whether or not the practice
- 24 representative's statements to HAN that are

- 1 reflected here may have been influenced by
- 2 having been told, before she made her
- 3 statement, that Context's removal of HAN's
- 4 equipment could put the practice in jeopardy
- 5 of being liable for the equipment?
- 6 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 7 A. I don't have an opinion about
- 8 that.
- 9 Q. Look at page 49, the North
- 10 Dayton. Read the comment as reflected or as
- 11 recorded on page 49 to yourself.
- 12 My question is going to be, can
- 13 you tell who was the decision maker for North
- 14 Dayton Rheumatology with respect to the
- 15 decision to switch from HAN to Context?
- 16 A. (After reviewing document) I'm
- 17 sorry about the pen. Do you mind?
- 18 Q. I'm sorry.
- 19 A. That's okay. Your question was
- 20 do I know who specifically at the practice
- 21 made the decision?
- Q. Correct.
- 23 A. On the basis of the passage
- 24 here, that's not indicated in this particular

- 1 section. It may be that one of the witnesses
- 2 testified about this, and I'd have to take
- 3 another look at the deposition testimony to
- 4 confirm that.
- 5 Q. Take a look at the next one from
- 6 Dr. Ferrari. Just read that one to yourself,
- 7 and then I'll have some questions about it.
- 8 A. (After reviewing document) Yes,
- 9 I read it.
- 10 Q. Now, this is a situation where,
- 11 at least according to the recorded comment,
- 12 Context told the practice that Context had
- permission to remove HAN's equipment?
- 14 A. That's what this comment
- 15 indicates.
- Q. And do you know whether or not
- 17 that comment made by Context had any impact
- 18 on the decision by this practice to switch?
- 19 A. Based on my reading of this
- 20 comment, just a practical reading of it, it
- 21 appears that the programming was the factor
- 22 that drove the decision.
- Q. Let me ask you a few questions
- 24 about the Ferrari practice. Did you look at

Page 133 any of Context's communications with the 1 2. Ferrari practice? Insofar as those were deposition 3 Α. exhibits or included in my documents. 4 not recalling specifically. 5 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 7 6 was marked for identification.) 7 Let me hand you what has been 8 Ο. 9 marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 7. Take a 10 minute and see if you recall having seen this 11 before. After having reviewed the 12 document, I don't recall having reviewed this 13 document before. 14 15 Would you agree with me that it Ο. appears to be an e-mail from Brok Vandersteen 16 at ContextMedia to the Ferrari office? 17 I haven't really spent time to 18 Α. 19 review the document. Would you like me to do 20 so? 21 Q. Sure. 22 (After reviewing document) I've reviewed this document. 23

And your page 49, when you

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Q.

- 1 reference the comments about Dr. Ferrari's
- 2 presence, references a Veronica. Do you see
- 3 that?
- 4 A. Yes. I see that on page 49 in
- 5 my report.
- 6 Q. And Exhibit 7 is an e-mail from
- 7 Brok to doctor.ferrari@yahoo.com. It says
- 8 "Hi, Veronica"?
- 9 A. I see that, yes.
- 10 Q. Now, in his e-mail, October 25,
- 11 2011, he's referencing both Healthy Advice
- 12 and Accent Health. Do you see that?
- 13 A. I do see that, yes.
- 14 Q. And with respect to Healthy
- 15 Advice, what he says is, "We also have less
- 16 ads and more customization features." Do you
- 17 see that?
- 18 A. He said, "We also have less ads
- 19 and more customization features." I see
- 20 those words.
- 21 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 8
- 22 was marked for identification.)
- Q. Let me hand you Plaintiff's
- 24 Exhibit 8. This is another e-mail from

- 1 Mr. Vandersteen to Veronica at Dr. Ferrari's
- 2 office a few weeks later. Do you see that?
- 3 A. Yes. Would you like me to take
- 4 the time to read this?
- 5 Q. Sure. Please.
- 6 A. I've reviewed this document.
- 7 O. You'll see, in the second full
- 8 paragraph now, Mr. Vandersteen is saying,
- 9 referring to Healthy Advice, "We also have
- 10 far less ads than Healthy Advice in each
- 11 loop." Do you see that?
- 12 A. I see that sentence.
- 13 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 9
- 14 was marked for identification.)
- 15 O. This is Plaintiff's Exhibit 9,
- 16 which is now a January 9, 2012 e-mail from
- 17 Mr. Vandersteen to Veronica at Dr. Ferrari's
- 18 office. Do you see that?
- 19 A. Yes. Would you like me to take
- 20 a moment to read this?
- 21 Q. Take a moment and read it, if
- 22 you would.
- A. (After reviewing document) I've
- 24 reviewed this.

- 1 Q. So at least it appears, based on
- 2 the documents that have been produced by
- 3 Context in this case, that at least as of
- 4 Monday, January 9, 2012, Mr. Vandersteen had
- 5 not been successful in persuading Veronica or
- 6 Dr. Ferrari's office to switch. Is that
- 7 fair?
- 8 A. That sounds like a reasonable
- 9 conclusion, based on these documents.
- 10 Q. And now Mr. Vandersteen is
- 11 saying to Veronica, he says in that first
- 12 paragraph, "The Rheumatoid Health Network --"
- 13 and you understand that's Context, RHN, their
- 14 network?
- 15 A. I do.
- 16 O. "The Rheumatoid Health Network
- 17 is significantly better, and that's why over
- 18 350 healthcare facilities had us replace
- 19 Healthy Advice last year." Do you see that?
- 20 A. I do.
- 21 Q. And is it your understanding
- 22 that that statement is just flatly false?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- A. I don't know.

- 1 Q. Based on the evidence you've
- 2 seen in the case, and your analysis of the
- 3 practices that switched, can you tell me
- 4 whether or not there's evidence to support a
- 5 statement that Context had switched
- 6 350 healthcare facilities from Healthy Advice
- 7 to Context in 2011?
- 8 A. I have some practice switching
- 9 documents according to Healthy Advice
- 10 Network's records that I brought with me
- 11 today related to the RHN and diabetes
- 12 networks in 2011. I can go look at those if
- 13 you'd like me to.
- 14 Q. No. If you can't tell me
- offhand whether or not you think it's true
- 16 that RHN switched 350 practices from Healthy
- 17 Advice in 2011, I'll take that.
- 18 A. I don't recall the number of
- 19 practices in particular. And another caveat
- 20 is I don't recall if there's other networks
- 21 beyond the diabetes network or the RHN.
- Q. Are you able to say to what
- 23 extent Veronica was influenced or impacted by
- 24 that statement?

- 1 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 2 A. I, again, take at face value the
- 3 comments that were recorded in the CMS
- 4 database, and the associated testimony about
- 5 those comments. So that's the same answer as
- 6 the one that I was giving earlier today.
- 7 This hasn't changed my opinion on that.
- 8 Q. Right. It's not an answer to my
- 9 question. My question is, can you tell me to
- 10 what extent Veronica was influenced or
- impacted by the statement by Mr. Vandersteen
- 12 that over 350 healthcare facilities had
- 13 Context replace Healthy Advice last year?
- 14 A. I don't have personal knowledge
- 15 of that. I would, in order to answer that,
- 16 would need to look at the CMS database, and
- 17 see what reasons that the HAN personnel
- 18 recorded for the transition, and review the
- 19 deposition transcripts to see if there's any
- 20 other evidence. I don't know otherwise.
- 21 Q. Is it your testimony that if a
- 22 statement like this, 350 practices switched
- 23 from Healthy Advice to Context, doesn't show
- 24 up in the CMS database, then it was not

- 1 significant or material to the practice?
- 2 A. My testimony is that -- my
- 3 understanding is that the CMS database
- 4 contains information that the practices
- 5 relayed to HAN, and that the HAN witnesses or
- 6 personnel were trained to try to solicit the
- 7 reasons as to why practices were switching,
- 8 and that they recorded those, and they
- 9 believed that those statements were truthful.
- 10 That's what is contained in the
- 11 CMS database that I considered and reviewed
- in connection with my opinions here, along
- 13 with the deposition testimony.
- 14 If there were other factors that
- 15 also influenced that practice and enrollment
- 16 decision, beyond what's included in the CMS
- 17 database, that's not something that I have
- 18 personal knowledge about.
- 19 I would defer to the folks who
- 20 were involved in that, and if there's
- 21 information that's available that would allow
- 22 me to advance my understanding with respect
- 23 to any particular practice, I would be happy
- 24 to do so.

Page 140 1 MR. COWAN: Okay. Could you 2. read him back my question. I'm going to have her read you back my question. I want you to 3 try answering my question. 4 5 (The record was read by the court reporter.) MR. HANKINSON: Objection. 6 7 That's not really the way that I Α. characterized my opinion. 8 9 I'm sorry, sir. I'm not 10 interested in how you characterized your 11 opinion. I want an answer to my question. It's a very specific question. Can you 12 answer my question? 13 I was trying to answer your 14 question, but now I'm -- can you please read 15 it back? 16 17 MR. COWAN: I'll have Sue read 18 it again. 19 (The record was read by the court reporter.) 20 MR. HANKINSON: Objection. 21 That's not my testimony. Α. 22 Q. So it would be your testimony, 23 or it would be your belief that a statement 24 such as 350 healthcare facilities had Context

Page 141 replace Healthy Advice last year could be 1 2. material to a practice, even though it doesn't show up in the CMS database? 3 4 MR. HANKINSON: Objection. Ιt 5 doesn't follow. Could you please ask that be 6 Α. 7 reread? 8 Ο. Sure. 9 Α. Thank you. 10 (The record was read by the court reporter.) 11 Α. I mean, hypothetically, it could 12 arrange -- there are a myriad of considerations that the practices made, and 13 that hypothetically could be something that 14 15 would be important to a practice. The question in my mind is 16 whether that changes, from a damages 17 18 perspective, HAN's entitlement to lost profits damages and/or a portion of profits 19 20 that should be attributable to the alleged 21 wrongful conduct. 22 Q. In the second full paragraph, 23 now Mr. Vandersteen is saying, as of 24 January 9, 2012, third or fourth sentence in,

- 1 "Instead of a 30-minute PowerPoint slide that
- 2 consists of nearly 50 percent commercials, we
- 3 have award winning cooking shows, exercise
- 4 videos, and inspirational stories." Do you
- 5 see that?
- A. I see that sentence.
- 7 O. And you have told me before that
- 8 one of the factors that you believe
- 9 influences a practice's decision on which
- 10 provider to use is the percentage of ads on
- 11 the loop or content?
- 12 A. There was some testimony that
- 13 the advertising to content ratio was one of
- 14 the factors that practices considered, yes.
- 15 O. That's one of the -- not only
- 16 testimony, you have it in your report as
- 17 being one of the factors that's considered?
- 18 A. It's on the bullet list of
- 19 factors that I am aware of, yes.
- 20 Q. So are you able to tell me
- 21 whether Veronica was influenced or impacted
- 22 by Mr. Vandersteen's statement that the HAN
- 23 30-minute PowerPoint slide consists of nearly
- 24 50 percent commercials?

- 1 A. My answer to this is consistent
- 2 with my answers to the other questions that
- 3 you asked me about the conversion of
- 4 practices, which is that my understanding is
- 5 based on the testimony and the comments that
- 6 were recorded in the CMS database. I don't
- 7 have personal knowledge about the influence
- 8 that the other alleged wrongful statements
- 9 had on the enrollment decision.
- 10 Q. So is your answer no, you are
- 11 unable to say to what extent, if any, this
- 12 statement that HAN's program consisted of a
- 13 30-minute PowerPoint slide that was nearly
- 14 50 percent commercials had on Veronica?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 16 A. It's a little bit more nuance
- 17 than that, because there are a lot of factors
- 18 that I understand drove the enrollment
- 19 decisions. And I considered the evidence
- 20 about those factors across the scope of
- 21 practices that were allegedly wrongfully
- 22 converted.
- 23 And it is true that I don't
- 24 know, with respect to the recipient of the

- 1 e-mail here marked as Exhibit 9, what impact
- 2 that particular statement had on her
- 3 enrollment decision. I'm not aware of
- 4 evidence that would tend to corroborate or
- 5 suggest that the damages quantified by
- 6 Dr. Wilner would flow from that for the
- 7 reasons I've articulated in my report.
- 8 Q. Well, if the Ferrari practice
- 9 decided to switch from HAN to Context because
- 10 it was told and believed that the HAN loop
- 11 consisted of nearly 50 percent commercials,
- 12 that would indicate that the wrongful conduct
- 13 caused that practice to switch?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 15 A. That's where I'm not necessarily
- 16 agreeing with you. I think there are other
- 17 considerations that one need to properly
- 18 consider in order to reach that conclusion.
- 19 0. What are those?
- 20 A. You need to consider what would
- 21 have happened in the absence of the alleged
- 22 wrongful conduct.
- Q. How would you make that
- 24 decision? How would you make that

- 1 determination?
- 2 A. By assessing the relative points
- 3 of the alleged wrongful conduct by way of
- 4 comparison with the other factors that
- 5 perhaps contributed to the decision of the
- 6 practice to convert from HAN to ContextMedia,
- 7 and then also by considering the alternatives
- 8 that were available to both the practice and
- 9 to ContextMedia in order to convert that
- 10 practice, and also consider whether or not
- 11 HAN had the capacity to make that sale from a
- 12 marketing standpoint, or to retain that
- 13 practice from a marketing standpoint.
- 14 Q. Well, does it not depend
- 15 entirely on the specific practice as to what
- 16 information influenced their decision?
- 17 A. It does depend on the practice
- 18 and what information influenced that
- 19 decision, and it also depends on what
- 20 alternatives were available at that practice
- 21 and to ContextMedia.
- Q. Are you able to tell me that the
- 23 Ferrari practice did not switch because of
- 24 either the statement involving 350 practices,

- 1 or the statement involving the amount of
- 2 commercials on HAN's product?
- 3 A. The available evidence in this
- 4 case does not support the conclusion that the
- 5 practice switched because of the alleged
- 6 wrongful statements.
- 7 O. And what is that evidence?
- 8 We're focusing on Dr. Ferrari. What is the
- 9 evidence that you say does not support the
- 10 conclusion that Dr. Ferrari switched either
- 11 because of the 350 practices statement, or
- 12 the 50 percent ad statement?
- 13 A. I'm not aware of evidence to
- 14 support the notion that it did. HAN
- 15 witnesses were asked to identify practices
- 16 that switched that were attributable solely
- 17 to the alleged wrongful conduct, and they
- 18 were unable to do so.
- 19 They also testified that they
- 20 were unable to -- that there were some
- 21 practices that were converted because of fair
- 22 competition. That was a word that the HAN
- 23 witnesses used, if memory serves, and that
- 24 there were others that they believed were

- 1 allegedly converted by unlawful means.
- 2 I'm not aware of identification
- 3 by the HAN witnesses that Dr. Ferrari's
- 4 practice was converted on the basis of the
- 5 alleged wrongful statements.
- 6 And there are a lot of factors
- 7 that these practices consider when they're
- 8 making their enrollment decisions.
- 9 I've considered those factors,
- 10 their relative importance, and in the case of
- 11 Dr. Ferrari's practice, what the HAN
- 12 witnesses identified as being important to
- 13 their enrollment decision.
- 14 Q. You would agree with me that the
- 15 HAN witnesses who were questioned by counsel
- 16 for ContextMedia do not know what Context
- 17 told the HAN practices?
- 18 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 19 A. I don't know what -- whether
- 20 that's right or not.
- Q. Well, let me ask you this: You
- 22 read Mr. Shah's testimony, right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. You read Mr. Purdy's testimony?

Page 148 You did. It's in there. 1 2. Α. Yes. 3 0. They are Context's executives, 4 correct? 5 Α. Yes. Sit in the same office with the 6 Ο. Context employees? 7 8 Α. I presume. And you saw from their testimony 9 10 that they were unable to say what the Context 11 employees told each and every HAN practice? I need to take a look at their 12 testimony in order to corroborate that. 13 not recalling precisely, as I sit here now. 14 15 Let me just ask you, as an Q. expert witness who is here to testify today 16 truthfully and honestly, can you tell me that 17 you believe that the HAN employees know what 18 19 each and every Context employee told each and 20 every HAN practice? 21 MR. HANKINSON: Objection. 22 Α. Can you please repeat that? 23 MR. COWAN: Go ahead, Sue. 24 (The record was read by the court reporter.)

- 1 A. I don't know the answer to that.
- 2 That wouldn't be my suspicion, but I don't
- 3 know what the HAN employees know.
- 4 Q. Do you believe it's possible
- 5 that the HAN employees know what each and
- 6 every Context employee told each and every
- 7 HAN practice?
- 8 A. I don't think so, but I don't --
- 9 I think we were talking past each other a
- 10 little bit, because at first I thought you
- 11 were talking about a particular practice, and
- 12 now I think it's expanding to what every
- 13 Context person talked about, and so I don't
- 14 think it's likely that the -- or probable
- 15 that they so know what all -- all the various
- 16 communications.
- 17 With respect to what a
- 18 particular witness knew about a particular
- 19 practice, I don't know whether they had
- 20 knowledge of that or not.
- Q. Right. And so when Context
- 22 attorneys ask a HAN employee, do you think
- 23 that maybe some of the practices left because
- of fair competition, that answer that's given

- 1 is only as good as what they know was told by
- 2 Context to the practices, right?
- 3 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 4 A. I don't think I could
- 5 necessarily agree with that. I mean, I
- 6 understand that these were corporate
- 7 witnesses that were designated to testify
- 8 about the subject matters, and they did so,
- 9 and so I took the testimony at face value;
- 10 and, again, it was generally consistent with
- 11 the documents that I saw, and that's what I
- 12 based my opinion on.
- O. Do you know whether there was
- 14 any HAN practice that was switched to Context
- 15 that was not lied to by Context?
- 16 A. I've made the assumption that
- 17 liability would be established as a predicate
- 18 assumption to my damages analysis. I don't
- 19 know the scope of the alleged wrongful
- 20 conduct as it relates to each and every
- 21 practice.
- 22 For instance, I understand that
- 23 I'm not aware of evidence that each of these
- 24 statements were made to each of these

Page 151 practices, but I'm not -- you know, I am 1 2. assuming liability, though. (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 10 3 was marked for identification.) 4 Plaintiff's Exhibit 10, the 5 0. final one on the Dr. Ferrari practice. Just 6 take a minute and read the top statement to 7 yourself, if you would. 8 9 (After reviewing document) I 10 read the top part, and a little bit of the 11 bottom part. You'll see here, where Brok now 12 is saying, as of March 26, 2012, "I just 13 wanted to let you know that we've finalized a 14 15 partnership with The Arthritis Foundation in order to provide more programming for your 16 patients. We're the only network investing 17 18 in programming that actually helps patients with rheumatic conditions." Do you see that? 19 20 Α. Yes. 21 That statement there, "We're the Ο. 22 only network investing in programming that 23 actually helps patients with rheumatic 24 conditions," do you believe that's a truthful

Page 152 1 statement? 2. MR. HANKINSON: Objection. I don't know. 3 Α. 4 Do you believe that Ο. 5 Mr. Vandersteen is suggesting that Context is the only provider that has a relationship 6 with The Arthritis Foundation? 7 8 MR. HANKINSON: Objection. I don't see that in these words. 9 Α. 10 Ο. You do see, though, in the 11 comments on 49 referenced by Veronica to The Arthritis Foundation? 12 I see that, yes, on page 49. 13 Α. Take a look on your report at 14 Ο. 15 the North Fulton Health Care Association, the recorded comments. What is the specific 16 comment that she made that leads you to 17 18 believe that the practice enrollment decision for that practice was ultimately based on 19 20 factors unrelated to the alleged wrongful 21 conduct? 22 Α. You can see I provided a bold 23 statement there, in the paragraph on page 50 24 of my report, that the office explained that

- 1 they switched because the office had not been
- 2 offered an upgrade unlike all the other
- 3 related offices.
- 4 Q. Okay. And you see that that
- 5 statement, at least according to the comment,
- 6 came after Shannon at North Fulton said she
- 7 did not have a contract with PatientPoint.
- 8 HAN explained to her that she did have an
- 9 enrollment agreement signed in 2005; after
- 10 Shannon said that Context told her they were
- 11 authorized to remove the equipment, after HAN
- 12 explained to her that she was misled and the
- other company does not have permission, and
- 14 they may have made her liable for return of
- 15 the equipment since they broke the enrollment
- 16 agreement, and after it's reported that
- 17 Shannon got really defensive at that time and
- 18 said follow up about what. Do you see that?
- 19 A. Well, I see that -- the sentence
- 20 that I explained comes after those other
- 21 statements in this paragraph.
- I don't know that that
- 23 necessarily means that this paragraph was
- 24 recorded sequentially in order of the

- 1 conversation, but if that was the case, then
- 2 that would be right. I just don't know if
- 3 that's right.
- 4 Q. You assume that, though, don't
- 5 you?
- A. I don't assume that.
- 7 O. You don't?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. So you've indicated that you
- 10 believe that, I think in your report you said
- 11 that the HAN employees meticulously record
- 12 the comments?
- 13 A. I think there was testimony
- 14 consistent with that.
- 15 O. Yeah. If they meticulously
- 16 recorded the comment, would you expect them
- 17 to get them recorded in the order they
- 18 occurred?
- 19 A. I didn't make an assumption that
- 20 it was.
- Q. Well, apparently, based on your
- testimony, the order in which comments are
- 23 made is important to you?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.

- 1 A. That's not what I said. I was
- 2 just trying to answer your question.
- Q. What you said was, I'm not sure
- 4 that the testimony, that the statement came
- 5 in that order.
- 6 A. You asked me to corroborate that
- 7 it did come in that order, and I said I don't
- 8 know if it did.
- 9 Q. If it did come in that order, if
- 10 it came in the order that it's written in, do
- 11 you believe that all that proceeds it may
- 12 have impacted that which you are relying
- 13 upon, i.e., "She explained that she switched
- 14 because the office has never been offered an
- 15 upgrade unlike all of the related offices"?
- 16 A. My response is consistent with
- 17 my response on other similar questions, which
- 18 is I'm taking this at face value, and so
- 19 that's what I considered in my report.
- 20 Q. So you --
- 21 A. I don't have an opinion about
- 22 the -- to answer your question.
- Q. So it's fair to say, then, that
- 24 you just pick the words out and don't try to

Page 156 put them into context? 1 2. MR. HANKINSON: Objection. I don't think I agree with that, 3 Α. 4 no. Well, the words that you're 5 Q. relying upon are in context, correct? 6 7 They're in the context of an overall conversation. You would agree with that? 8 9 Α. There's other information here, 10 sure, yes. 11 Ο. And the context in which they're 12 given has an impact on whether or not they are truthful? 13 I don't know that I can agree 14 with that. I mean, my understanding is that 15 the HAN witnesses believe that the statements 16 that they received were truthful. 17 18 That's what the testimony is, and I took it at face value. I provided the 19 20 whole passage here so as not to lose context, 21 but that is my -- the substance of my 22 testimony on that entry. 23 Ο. You saw testimony, did you 24 not -- well, maybe you didn't read all the

- 1 HAN transcripts.
- Did you see testimony from any
- 3 HAN witnesses that said that they felt like
- 4 practices often just gave them the reasons
- 5 that HAN wanted to hear so they could get off
- 6 the phone?
- 7 A. I'm not recalling that. I think
- 8 we should be able to confirm that by looking
- 9 at the transcript.
- 10 Q. Did you read Ms. Grippo's
- 11 transcript?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. All right. If you could look at
- 14 the next entry for Rheumatology Associates of
- 15 South Florida.
- 16 A. (Complies with request.)
- 17 Q. Just read it over to yourself,
- 18 and I'll ask you a couple questions about it.
- 19 A. Sure. (After reviewing
- 20 document) Okay.
- 21 Q. In the middle, the recorded
- 22 comment says, "I asked if she -- " and "I" is,
- 23 we would agree, is referring to the HAN
- 24 employee, "she" referring to Annette?

Page 158 1 I'm not seeing that, but --Α. 2. O. Take a minute. Oh, I see. I found it. And the 3 Α. question is does the "I" refer to Annette? 4 5 0. No. The "I" refers to the HAN Do you understand that? 6 employee. 7 That's my presumption, yes. Α. And "she" would be Annette? 8 0. 9 That sounds right. Α. 10 Ο. "I asked if she was told that 11 Context was authorized or that they had our permission to remove our equipment. 12 explained that was the reason she signed 13 papers giving them permission to remove." Do 14 15 you see that? 16 Α. Yes. What papers do you understand 17 she's referring to? 18 19 Α. It appears, based on that 20 statement, it was papers related to 21 permission to remove the HAN equipment from 22 the practice. 23 Ο. Do you know whether Annette 24 and/or Rheumatology Associates would have

- 1 switched from HAN to Context if they were not
- 2 told by Context that Context had permission
- 3 to remove HAN's equipment?
- 4 A. The available evidence is that
- 5 they switched because the doctors were ready
- 6 for a change, and that they liked audio on
- 7 the program. I think it would be
- 8 unreasonable to conclude that they wouldn't
- 9 have switched and would have remained with
- 10 HAN for the duration of the period, as
- 11 forecasted by Dr. Wilner.
- 12 O. What's the basis for that?
- A. Well, I don't want to get us off
- 14 track, but I've provided and we talked about
- 15 before a bullet list of factors related to
- 16 demand drivers. There's also alternatives
- 17 that were available to the practice, to the
- 18 degree that they wanted to switch from HAN,
- 19 and also alternatives available to
- 20 ContextMedia that ContextMedia could employ
- 21 to entice practices to switch.
- Q. And those are general comments.
- 23 They're not applicable to any specific
- 24 practice?

Page 160 1 I think they're applicable to Α. 2. all the practices. Do you know which of those were 3 0. 4 applicable to Annette in Rheumatology 5 Associates? MR. HANKINSON: Objection. 6 7 The alternatives are applicable Α. to Annette in Rheumatology Associates, and 8 factors related to the differences of the 9 10 products were attributable to that practice 11 as well. 12 But here we have a specific statement by a specific practice that she 13 explained that the reason she signed the 14 practices was because she was told by Context 15 that they had permission to remove the 16 That's how you read that, 17 equipment. 18 correct? Could I please hear that again? 19 Α. 20 MR. COWAN: Sue. 21 (The record was read by the court reporter.) 22 Α. I read that as she signed the 23 papers to give them permission to remove the

That's the reason that she signed

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equipment.

- 1 it, according to the sentence.
- 2 Q. The sentence says, "I asked if
- 3 she was told that Context was authorized or
- 4 that they had our permission to remove our
- 5 equipment. She explained that was the reason
- 6 she signed papers giving them permission to
- 7 remove." How do you interpret that?
- 8 A. That she signed the papers to
- 9 give them permission to remove the equipment.
- 10 Q. Do you not read that as that she
- 11 was told by Context that they had permission
- 12 to remove?
- 13 A. I read that that she was told by
- 14 Context that she had permission to remove.
- 15 O. And my question is specifically
- 16 related to Annette in Rheumatology Associates
- 17 of South Florida. Can you tell me that that
- 18 practice would have switched to Context if
- 19 Context had not told her that they had
- 20 permission to remove the equipment?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 22 A. I can tell you I do not believe
- 23 that that has been established by Dr. Wilner
- 24 or by HAN for the reasons that are

- 1 articulated in my report.
- I think the conclusion that that
- 3 practice would have converted to ContextMedia
- 4 is a more reasonable conclusion on the basis
- 5 of the evidence available in this case.
- 6 Counsel, would it be okay if I
- 7 grabbed a coffee?
- 8 MR. COWAN: Yes. Let's take two
- 9 minutes, three minutes.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Great. Thank you.
- 11 (Brief recess.)
- 12 Q. I skipped over one that I should
- 13 not have. If you would go to page 49, the
- 14 John Hopkins entry.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Read that one to yourself, if
- 17 you would.
- 18 A. (After reviewing document) I
- 19 looked at it.
- 20 Q. So in this recorded comment,
- 21 Jonathan, who is with John Hopkins, told the
- 22 HAN employee that he signed a waiver provided
- 23 by Context that gave them permission to
- 24 remove our equipment. Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And the HAN employee asked him
- 3 to fax him a carbon copy of the waiver, and
- 4 he said he would have his customer service
- 5 rep at Context fax it to us, to me. Do you
- 6 see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And then the HAN employee
- 9 apparently told Jonathan, or explained to
- 10 Jonathan that the enrollment form with HAN
- 11 said that only PatientPoint can service or
- 12 remove PatientPoint equipment. Do you see
- 13 that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. And his reply, and it's in
- 16 quotes, is, "I don't know who is lying to
- 17 me." Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. How did you interpret that
- 20 statement by Jonathan in this recorded
- 21 comment that you relied upon?
- 22 A. Can you be more specific? What
- 23 do you mean, how did I interpret that?
- Q. Well, let me just -- maybe I

- 1 need to step back. When you see a customer
- 2 comment that you're relying upon that says "I
- 3 don't know who is lying to me, " did you not
- 4 pay particular attention to that?
- 5 A. No. I was focused more on the
- 6 reason underlying the decision to switch to
- 7 ContextMedia.
- 8 Q. But you understand that this
- 9 case is about Context lying to practices?
- 10 A. I understand there's alleged
- 11 wrongful conduct. I understand that there
- 12 are allegations of that, yes.
- Q. Would you agree with me that at
- 14 a bare minimum, this comment by Jonathan
- 15 evidences actual confusion on the part of the
- 16 practice?
- 17 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 18 A. I don't know, from a legal
- 19 standpoint, if the word confusion has a legal
- 20 meaning or implication. I do --
- Q. Assume it doesn't.
- 22 A. Okay. I'm under -- the plain
- 23 practical read of this paragraph indicates to
- 24 me that Jonathan at Johns Hopkins was advised

- 1 that ContextMedia gave -- that ContextMedia
- 2 received a waiver from Jonathan to remove the
- 3 equipment; that HAN explained that the
- 4 enrollment form said that only PatientPoint
- 5 could service or remove the equipment, and
- 6 that Jon didn't know what was right.
- 7 Q. He goes on to say, or the
- 8 comment goes on to say, "Jonathan said that
- 9 the Johns Hopkins' other rheumatology offices
- 10 are using RHN and like it because there is
- 11 much more information not repetitive with
- 12 interviews, newswires, and streaming
- 13 weather." Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. So that's information that was
- 16 provided by the other offices to Jonathan?
- 17 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 18 A. Was your question did Jonathan
- 19 observe that by himself, or was he told that?
- 20 Is that the nature of your question?
- 21 Q. My question is, this would
- 22 indicate that that information was provided
- 23 to Jonathan by the other offices?
- A. I don't know that you could make

- 1 that determination based on this sentence.
- 2 O. How would Jonathan know that the
- 3 other offices liked RHN better?
- 4 A. Based on observing that and
- 5 discussing it with other folks.
- 6 Q. Let me ask you about the entry
- 7 on page 50 for C.A.R.E. Center. Do you see
- 8 that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Take a minute and just read that
- 11 to yourself.
- 12 A. (After reviewing document) Sure.
- 13 I've reviewed it.
- Q. Who do you understand, in the
- 15 part of this that you've bolded, it says "the
- 16 other company." Who is "the other company"
- 17 referring to?
- 18 A. If memory serves, this is --
- 19 these comments are all related to
- 20 ContextMedia.
- 21 Q. So, "The other company --"
- 22 referring to ContextMedia -- "provides a
- 23 three-hour loop each of rheumatology info and
- 24 allergy info." Do you see that?

- 1 A. I do see that.
- 2 Q. And if you'd look at page 29 of
- 3 your report, the second bullet point on page 29
- 4 says, "ContextMedia's content during the
- 5 period at issue ran on a 90-minute loop." Do
- 6 you see that?
- 7 A. I see that.
- 8 Q. So if the C.A.R.E. Center
- 9 practice was told by Context that it provides
- 10 a three-hour loop each of rheumatology info
- and allergy info, that would be a lie; would
- 12 it not?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 14 A. This is a hypothetical question
- 15 because it says that the other company
- 16 provides a three-hour loop each of
- 17 rheumatology info and allergy info. That
- 18 doesn't say that that's what she was told.
- 19 I also note, in footnote 107 on
- 20 page 29 of my report, that ContextMedia
- 21 transitioned from the 90-minute loop to a
- 22 smart playlist that was more of a dynamic
- 23 media library. And so those are some of my
- 24 reactions to your question.

- 1 Q. Turn if you would to page 54.
- 2 You say in sort of the middle of your
- 3 paragraph that's after the quoted testimony
- 4 from Greg Robinson, "I am not aware of any
- 5 contention from HAN or Dr. Wilner that
- 6 practices that switched from HAN to
- 7 ContextMedia in the period following the
- 8 accord have done so as a result of any
- 9 alleged wrongful conduct." Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Do you know whether Context
- 12 employees have continued to make false
- 13 statements to HAN practices after March 2013?
- 14 A. I'm not aware of that one way or
- 15 the other. And also as part of your question
- 16 that it was false statements, I mean, I'm
- 17 presuming liability here. That's not a
- 18 determination that I made. And so I think
- 19 that I'm having a little bit of trouble
- 20 navigating your question.
- Q. Let me ask it a different way.
- 22 A. Okay.
- Q. Do you know if Context employees
- 24 made false statements to HAN practices after

- 1 March 2013?
- 2 A. Same -- that's the same question
- 3 as the one that you asked me. I'm not
- 4 appreciating the difference.
- 5 Part of my challenge here is I
- 6 am not offering an opinion as to whether a
- 7 statement is false or not false. I'm just
- 8 presuming that there was alleged wrongful
- 9 conduct that constitutes false statements,
- 10 but I am not offering an opinion that it was
- 11 or wasn't.
- 12 And I understand that the
- 13 parties reached an accord that the witnesses
- 14 in the case have testified was the end of the
- 15 period of alleged wrongful conduct, and if
- 16 that's responsive to your question, then we
- 17 can --
- 18 Q. I can rephrase it, I think, to
- 19 ask it a better way.
- 20 A. Okay.
- Q. Do you know whether Context has
- 22 engaged in any unlawful conduct relative to
- 23 HAN practices after March 2013?
- 24 A. That clarification didn't help

- 1 me navigate your question because, again,
- 2 it's presuming that I'm -- has a presumption
- 3 element of liability.
- 4 O. It's not. It's not.
- 5 A. Yeah, I'm just not
- 6 understanding.
- 7 Q. It's just a simple question. Do
- 8 you know if Context employees engaged in any
- 9 unlawful or wrongful conduct with HAN
- 10 practices after March 2013?
- 11 A. I'm not aware of that.
- 12 Q. You don't know one way or the
- 13 other?
- 14 A. Well, I have an understanding,
- 15 based on the testimony in this case, that the
- 16 parties reached an accord, and that HAN
- 17 witnesses have testified that the alleged
- 18 wrongful conduct stopped at that period in
- 19 time, and that's the period in which
- 20 Dr. Willard truncated his damaged analysis,
- 21 save alleged lost growth, on the basis of the
- 22 historical period, and so that's something
- 23 that's part of the record of this case.
- 24 But I don't know whether HAN is

- 1 making allegations beyond that, and I also
- 2 don't know whether those are -- will be
- 3 ultimately found to be wrongful.
- 4 Q. Is it material to any of your
- 5 opinions whether Context continued to switch
- 6 out practices after March 2013?
- 7 A. I understand that they did
- 8 continue to switch out practices, and I have
- 9 considered that, yes.
- 10 Q. And you don't know, as you sit
- 11 here today, whether they did so based on
- 12 unlawful or improper conduct?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 14 Already asked and answered.
- 15 A. Yeah, I don't agree with that.
- 16 I considered that Context continually
- 17 transitioned practices before and after the
- 18 period in which there was an accord that was
- 19 reached.
- 20 And my understanding of the case
- 21 is that that serves as the end of
- 22 Dr. Wilner's damages period, save alleged
- 23 lost future growth. And I considered that,
- 24 along with the other evidence in the case, in

- 1 order to advance my thinking about damages
- 2 related issues.
- 3 Q. Do you understand this accord
- 4 that you've referred to as essentially
- 5 Context agreeing that it would no longer
- 6 commit bad acts?
- 7 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 8 A. That's not consistent with my
- 9 understanding.
- 10 Q. Tell me what your understanding
- 11 of the accord is.
- 12 A. My understanding is that the
- 13 parties reached an agreement about the
- 14 process by which they would engage in
- 15 switching practices from one company to the
- 16 other.
- 17 I wouldn't want that to be
- 18 misconstrued as an agreement by ContextMedia
- 19 that it's -- the alleged wrongful conduct was
- 20 indeed unlawful. I'm just not offering
- 21 opinions about that.
- 22 Q. Do you know whether Context
- 23 employees made any untruthful statements to
- 24 any HAN practices after March 2013?

- 1 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 2 A. Same answer as the one that I
- 3 gave before, which is I'm not aware. My
- 4 understanding is that the parties reached an
- 5 accord, and that the end of the period of the
- 6 alleged wrongful conduct was March of 2013.
- 7 And it's further complicated
- 8 by -- I'm assuming that the alleged wrongful
- 9 conduct was indeed wrongful. And your
- 10 question is asking me to assume, then, that
- 11 there's future alleged wrongful conduct.
- 12 O. I didn't, but let me just make
- 13 it clear for the record. I'm not going to
- 14 try to trip you up, or use anything that you
- 15 say as a suggestion that you believe, because
- 16 you've assumed liability, that, in fact,
- 17 Context did anything wrong. You've made that
- 18 clear 20 times in this deposition and
- 19 throughout your report. Would you agree?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 21 Compound.
- 22 A. I think we understand each other
- 23 on that point.
- Q. Right. So all I'm trying to

- 1 understand is you clearly place some
- 2 importance on the fact that Context continued
- 3 to switch out practices from HAN after March
- 4 2013?
- 5 A. I considered that, yes.
- 6 Q. And my only point is, you do not
- 7 know whether or not Context employees made
- 8 any untruthful statements to those practices
- 9 that switched after March 2013, do you?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 11 A. My understanding is that that
- 12 March 2013 marks the period in which the
- 13 alleged wrongful conduct stopped.
- I included an excerpt of my --
- in this report on page 54. Mr. Robinson
- 16 testified that save a handful of instances
- 17 which he would not constitute as a trend, to
- 18 his knowledge, ContextMedia did not continue
- 19 to engage in acts of alleged false
- 20 advertising and misleading statements. And
- 21 that's what I took as at face value.
- 22 Q. So to the best --
- 23 MR. HANKINSON: Excuse me. I'm
- 24 sorry.

Page 175 1 MR. COWAN: Go ahead. 2. MR. HANKINSON: T have an objection to this line of questioning. I've 3 just been stating objection. I would like to 4 5 make a comment, but if you would like to excuse the witness first, that would be fine. 6 No. Go ahead. 7 MR. COWAN: I just want to 8 MR. HANKINSON: make the further statement that in addition 9 10 to Mr. Robinson's testimony, and the 11 testimony about the accord, Healthy Advice has used the March 2013 date, and the 12 understanding between the parties that 13 alleged wrongful conduct stopped as of that 14 15 date for purposes of not producing documents regarding things that occurred after that 16 date. 17 18 And so the extent that this line of questioning wants to inquire into what 19 20 Mr. Arst knows and doesn't know about evidence about what happened after that date, 21 22 and for them perhaps then imply that his 23 analysis is reasonable or unreasonable, I 24 think that that would be inappropriate, not

- 1 just based on the testimony that he had
- 2 access to, but also the discovery positions
- 3 of Healthy Advice.
- 4 MR. COWAN: And I appreciate the
- 5 comments, Tom. My understanding is that the
- 6 parties mutually agreed that there would not
- 7 be production of discovery or documents for
- 8 events after March 2013. It wasn't just
- 9 Healthy Advice took that position. It was a
- 10 negotiation and agreement on that point. Is
- 11 that fair?
- 12 MR. HANKINSON: That is fair,
- 13 except to the extent that the parties intend
- 14 to rely on documents that are coming from
- 15 after that date; and, you know, we can defer
- 16 to the e-mails. It was mutual.
- 17 The point being, though, that
- 18 Mr. Arst is not really responsible for that
- 19 accord, or the availability of information
- 20 after March 2013.
- MR. COWAN: Right.
- 22 BY MR. COWAN:
- Q. And my point simply is that you
- 24 are assuming, Mr. Arst, for purposes of your

- 1 opinions, that there was no wrongful activity
- 2 after March 2013. Is that fair?
- 3 A. I included the deposition
- 4 testimony of Mr. Robinson on the subject,
- 5 including the part in which he indicated that
- 6 there were a handful of instances that
- 7 perhaps constituted some alleged wrongful
- 8 conduct from his perspective.
- 9 But he also testified that he
- 10 did not constitute -- that that did not
- 11 constitute a trend, which is why I felt
- 12 comfortable looking at conversions before and
- 13 after 2013 as one element in the context of a
- 14 broader damages analysis.
- 15 O. Do you know if Context in 2013,
- 16 the latter part of 2013, offered any special
- 17 incentives to its employees to switch out HAN
- 18 practices?
- 19 A. I'm not recalling that, as I sit
- 20 here now.
- Q. Let me shift gears a bit and
- 22 fast forward to page 65, and talk about
- 23 unjust enrichment, if you don't mind.
- A. Yes, sir.

- 1 Q. Did HAN suffer any harm or
- 2 damage as a result of losing practices to
- 3 Context?
- 4 A. HAN lost practices to Context.
- 5 Whether that caused damages, and about four
- 6 cents relates to the issues that we were
- 7 talking about before, but whether or not
- 8 but-for causation can be established.
- 9 Q. Yeah. I'm leaving aside the
- 10 but-for. My question was, specifically did
- 11 not suggest that HAN suffered harm or damage
- 12 as a result of Context's actions. I'm simply
- 13 asking did HAN suffer any harm or damage as a
- 14 result of losing practices to Context?
- 15 A. And that's what I want to be
- 16 careful about, the word "harm" or "damage,"
- 17 because in my mind, that has a linkage with
- 18 the alleged wrongful conduct.
- I can agree with you to this
- 20 extent. HAN lost practices to ContextMedia,
- 21 and those practices were gained by
- 22 ContextMedia. Then there is a question as to
- 23 what impact does the alleged wrongful conduct
- 24 have on that.

- 1 Q. Fair enough. Did the loss of
- 2 the HAN practices to Context cause any
- 3 financial loss to HAN?
- 4 A. I have assumed that there could
- 5 have been some losses. I don't think that's
- 6 been established by HAN.
- 7 Q. You saw testimony from Mr. Shah
- 8 where he indicated that the loss of a
- 9 practice to Context was significant from a
- 10 financial standpoint. Page 73, the last
- answer.
- 12 A. I see Mr. Shah's testimony on
- 13 page 73.
- 14 Q. And so you understood that he
- 15 believed that when Context loses a practice,
- 16 that constitutes significant value walking
- 17 out the door?
- 18 A. I understand that the company's
- 19 monetize practices through the sale of
- 20 sponsorship, and that they generate revenue
- 21 on the basis of practices.
- 22 Q. And is it your understanding
- 23 that the same is true for HAN?
- 24 A. I do understand that the same is

- 1 true for HAN. There are some differences in
- 2 the models that those companies employ, but
- 3 generally, they monetize practices through
- 4 the sale of advertising to sponsors.
- 5 Q. And so when HAN loses a practice
- 6 to Context, that has a financial implication?
- 7 A. Potentially.
- 8 Q. You used the term, on page 65 of
- 9 your report, "marketplace damages,"
- 10 Section 11. Do you see the term "marketplace
- 11 damages"?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. What are marketplace damages?
- 14 A. We would need to look at the
- 15 cases there to see if those are defined. My
- 16 general understanding is actual damages is
- 17 the notion here.
- 18 Q. What types of actual damages?
- 19 A. Again, we need to take a look at
- 20 the particular cases, but --
- Q. Well, let me just interrupt you
- 22 there. Why do I need to look to some legal
- 23 case to understand your term "marketplace"
- 24 damages"?

- 1 A. Well, that's because that's
- 2 referencing principles that are identified in
- 3 those cases, which I haven't committed to
- 4 memory.
- 5 But generally, what I'm saying
- 6 is that my understanding is that profit
- 7 scores and remedies are equitable measures of
- 8 relief, and that actual damages, marketplace
- 9 damages, whether they were suffered, have
- 10 some bearing on -- from disgorgement damages
- 11 under the Lanham Act.
- 12 O. So what are the types of
- 13 marketplace damages that a plaintiff in a
- 14 case like this might suffer?
- 15 A. Lost profits.
- 16 Q. Lost profits resulting from lost
- 17 practices?
- 18 A. Lost profits resulting from lost
- 19 sales. And I'm thinking about incremental
- 20 profits, which would be calculated as
- 21 incremental revenues less incremental costs.
- 22 Q. Leaving aside but-for causation,
- 23 the financial loss associated with HAN losing
- 24 a practice to Context, would that constitute

Page 182 marketplace damages? 1 2. MR. HANKINSON: Objection. I didn't understand the 3 Α. 4 question. Leaving aside the issue of 5 Ο. but-for causation, so leaving aside the issue 6 7 of whether or not any act of Context caused the harm or damages, does the financial loss 8 associated with losing a practice from HAN to 9 10 Context, would that be considered a 11 marketplace damage? 12 MR. HANKINSON: Objection. Sounds like you're asking me for 13 a legal conclusion, and that's not what I'm 14 15 trying to offer. My understanding is that profit 16 disgorgement damages under the Lanham Act are 17 subject to the principles of equity. 18 And what I was simply trying to 19 20 say here is that I understand that the --21 whether there were actual damages may impact 22 those from a -- is my understanding, and that

you're not automatically entitled to a

disgorgement of -- to disgorge profits, the

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- 1 defendant, under the Lanham Act, that there's
- 2 other considerations there.
- 3 Q. You understand that, according
- 4 to Context's analysis as reflected in the
- 5 declaration offered by Mr. Demas, Context
- 6 believes 168 HAN practices switched to
- 7 Context?
- 8 A. I'd need to look at that. I'm
- 9 not recalling them as I'm sitting here now.
- 10 Q. Let me represent to you that
- 11 Mr. Demas has issued a declaration which
- 12 authenticates some documents produced by
- 13 Context which reflect 168 practices switched
- 14 from HAN to Context.
- 15 A. Okay.
- 16 Q. Assuming that to be the case, do
- 17 you believe that HAN experienced lost profits
- 18 associated with losing those practices?
- 19 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 20 A. It's a complicated question, and
- 21 the answer is likewise nuanced. The question
- 22 in my mind is whether lost profits flowed
- 23 from the alleged wrongful conduct.
- Q. Mr. Arst, that's not my

- 1 question.
- 2 A. I'm trying to get to your
- 3 question. And as I indicated, it's a nuance
- 4 question, in part, because the parties in
- 5 this case have adopted a framework for
- 6 measuring alleged damages that deviates to
- 7 some degree from the actual accounting
- 8 realities of the products in this
- 9 marketplace.
- 10 And so in order to answer that
- 11 question as to whether the loss of a practice
- 12 caused the loss of a dollar, even setting
- 13 aside the issues related to whether that loss
- is attributable to the alleged wrongful
- 15 conduct, we would need to look at the
- 16 practices that were at hand at HAN, the
- 17 contracted minimums with the sponsors, the --
- 18 grace period is the wrong word, but there was
- 19 an allowment, generally, within the contracts
- 20 that if the enrollments fell below a certain
- 21 level, the -- there would be -- there's a
- 22 grace period.
- 23 And then we'd need to look at
- 24 whether or not the transition of particular

- 1 practices at a particular point in time would
- 2 have pushed HAN, so to speak, over that
- 3 threshold.
- 4 And then we'd need to look at
- 5 what the economic consequence of that would
- 6 be, in terms of make good payments or
- 7 otherwise, which, based on my understanding,
- 8 are sometimes made and sometimes forgiven.
- 9 And so I think it would really just depend.
- 10 The framework that the parties
- 11 have adopted, I think, as a matter of
- 12 convenience, is looking at a revenue per
- 13 practice per month, or revenue per physician
- 14 per month, which I think is a reasonable way
- 15 to think about damages in this case.
- 16 But your question, I think, was
- 17 asking me something a little bit different
- 18 that I'm having a hard time agreeing with
- 19 because of the complicated nature of the way
- 20 that the contracts work with respect to the
- 21 practices.
- 22 Q. And I can probably get to it
- 23 this way. I'll just ask you this question.
- 24 Do you have an opinion as to

- 1 whether HAN suffered any lost profits as a
- 2 result of the loss of the 168 practices to
- 3 Context?
- 4 A. I have assumed that they
- 5 suffered a loss. I don't know that that's
- 6 been -- I don't think that's been established
- 7 by HAN.
- 8 O. I'm not interested in your
- 9 assumptions. I'm interested in your
- 10 opinions. Do you have an opinion -- I'm only
- 11 as good as what you're going to tell me
- 12 today. At some point in time, you're going
- 13 to get on the stand, and I want to be able to
- 14 know your answer to this question.
- Do you have an opinion as to
- 16 whether HAN suffered any lost profits as a
- 17 result of the loss of the 168 practices to
- 18 Context?
- 19 A. Same answer as the one I gave.
- 20 I have assumed that that's true. I don't --
- 21 I have an opinion that HAN hasn't established
- 22 that. I've assumed that it's true. I don't
- 23 have an opinion that it is true, but I've
- 24 assumed that it's true.

- 1 Q. Are there any other types of
- 2 marketplace damages that might be suffered by
- 3 someone like HAN in this type of a case? And
- 4 again, leave aside whether or not they were
- 5 caused by anybody other than HAN.
- 6 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 7 A. Lost profits, I think, could
- 8 probably encompass a range of adverse
- 9 economic consequences. Ultimately, though, I
- 10 think it would manifest itself in the form of
- 11 the profits.
- 12 Q. Is goodwill, loss of goodwill, a
- marketplace damage?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 15 A. Sounds like a legal conclusion,
- 16 and I'm not trying to offer a legal
- 17 conclusion. But I would note that
- 18 ultimately, I would expect the manifestation
- 19 of damages to take the form of profits.
- 20 Q. Do you have an opinion as to
- 21 whether Context gained any sales as a result
- 22 of gaining the 168 HAN practices?
- 23 A. I want to separate sales from
- 24 revenue in this response. I understand that

- 1 ContextMedia generated revenue on the basis
- 2 of its practices by securing sponsorship
- 3 sales, and that revenue was generated on
- 4 ContextMedia's practices, including those
- 5 that were converted from HAN.
- 6 Q. And that's a fair qualification.
- 7 I probably shouldn't have used the term
- 8 revenue. So let me just ask it this way so
- 9 that the record is clear.
- 10 Do you have an opinion as to
- 11 whether Context generated any or gained any
- 12 revenues as a result of gaining the
- 13 168 practices from HAN?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 15 A. I have an understanding that
- 16 ContextMedia generated revenue by making
- 17 sales to sponsors that compensated
- 18 ContextMedia on the basis of practices, and
- 19 that included practices that were converted
- 20 from HAN.
- Q. Do you have an opinion as to the
- 22 amount of revenues that were generated by
- 23 Context as a result of gaining the 168 practices
- 24 from HAN?

- 1 A. I performed calculations of
- 2 revenue and apportionment in the appendices
- 3 of my report. I think that I could find for
- 4 you, from an accounting perspective, the
- 5 results of that analysis with the caveat that
- 6 it was, again, a framework that was employed
- 7 by the parties in suit, I think as a
- 8 convenience, as a way of calculating revenues
- 9 and profits.
- 10 And there are some differences
- 11 between that framework that HAN and
- 12 ContextMedia have adopted for purposes of
- 13 this litigation, with the revenues and
- 14 profits that might be calculated under a
- 15 different framework.
- 16 O. And would that be Exhibits 5.1
- 17 and their brethren? Well, actually, I
- 18 probably started at 5. I should have started
- 19 earlier.
- 20 A. Exhibit 5 represents my
- 21 corrections to Dr. Wilner's calculation of
- 22 revenue. I calculated revenue on Exhibit 2.1.
- Q. Right. I'm just going to try to
- 24 stay in order of how your report flows.

- 1 Page 66, there's some reference to some
- 2 Context contracts.
- The last sentence on that page
- 4 says, "Mr. Demas explained that contract
- 5 2013-9 is, in fact, the base contract for
- 6 325 screens, and that contract 2013-5 was an
- 7 amendment to that base contract, allowing the
- 8 same sponsor to buy additional screens above
- 9 the initial 325." Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Were you ever provided with
- 12 unredacted copies of those contracts?
- 13 A. No, I don't believe so.
- MR. COWAN: I'm just going to
- 15 mark them so I make sure we're talking about
- 16 the same documents.
- 17 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 11
- was marked for identification.)
- 19 Q. I'm handing you what we've
- 20 marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 11. Does that
- 21 appear to be a copy of the contract that's
- 22 referenced in your report as 2013-5?
- 23 A. From memory, it looks like it.
- 24 If I could take a moment here to corroborate

Page 191 that, if you'd like me to? 1 2. I mean, it's not really a test. Ο. I pulled up what I understood to be the 3 4 copies. It probably would make sense just to have you check just to make sure we're, at 5 least for the record, working off the same 6 7 documents. (After reviewing document) This 8 Α. is one of the contracts that was relevant to 9 10 that, yes. 11 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 12 12 was marked for identification.) I'm going to ask you if Exhibit 12, 13 which appears to be 2013-9. Exhibit 12 14 15 appears to be a copy of 2013-9. Does Exhibit 12 appear to be a copy of the 16 contract you reference in your report? 17 I'll just note for the record 18 here that I'm referencing a binder that I 19 20 produced in connection with this case that 21 has the documents that I relied upon, and I'm 22 looking for that particular page. 23 Ο. Gotcha. 24 Α. Yes.

- 1 O. Okay. As I understand it, what
- 2 Mr. Demas said was that Exhibit 12 is the
- 3 base contract; is that right?
- 4 A. That's my understanding. And
- 5 generally, the way that I think about this is
- 6 that the contract provided for \$174 per
- 7 screen per month, which is what's reflected
- 8 on Exhibit 3.7 of my report.
- 9 Q. And you understood from
- 10 Mr. Demas that Exhibit 11 was an amendment to
- 11 Exhibit 12?
- 12 A. My understanding is that the
- 13 Exhibit 11 sponsor entered into the contract
- 14 marked as Exhibit 11 to purchase additional
- 15 screens in line with ContextMedia's growth
- 16 forecast. And under both contracts,
- 17 Exhibit 12 and Exhibit 11, the monthly cost
- 18 of a sponsor for any given screen was \$174.
- 19 And I'm looking at footnote three on
- 20 Exhibit 3.7 of my report.
- 21 Q. And what's the basis of that,
- 22 your understanding, if both of them are 174
- 23 bucks per screen? Is that something that
- 24 Demas told you, or is that based on something

Case: 1:12-cv-00610-SJD Doc #: 122 Filed: 12/15/14 Page: 193 of 219 PAGEID #: 7714 Page 193 in the contract? 1 2. Α. You can calculate that based on the contract, but he also corroborated my 3 understanding of that. 4 How do you calculate it? 5 Q. Α. I refer you to Exhibit 3.7 of my 6 7 report. 8 Ο. Okay. 9 If you could just bear with me 10 for a moment, I'm going to check the math. 11 Okay.

- 12 Q. Walk me through it. Let me just
- 13 start by asking you, on Exhibit 11, the
- 14 amendment?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Which of these cells, if you
- 17 will, relate to the contract that is
- 18 Exhibit 12?
- 19 A. They all do.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. So if I could just take a moment
- 22 to explain, or I can answer your questions,
- 23 however you like.
- Q. Let me ask one more question,

- 1 and then I'll let you do what you should be
- 2 doing, which is explaining to me.
- 3 A. Sure.
- 4 Q. If I look at Exhibit 11, the far
- 5 left has something called com number. Do you
- 6 see that? What does that say?
- 7 A. I'm not sure where you're
- 8 referencing.
- 9 Q. You see the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4
- 10 in the far left, those cells?
- 11 A. Right here?
- 12 O. Yep. What are those? There's
- 13 something that those are identifying as up
- 14 above.
- 15 A. It's hard for me to read that.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. I think it might say contract,
- 18 but I'd need to see a cleaner printout of
- 19 this.
- Q. Let's just assume it says
- 21 contract, just so we have a placeholder.
- 22 A. Sure.
- 23 Q. If you look at contract number
- one, what's the start date? Would you agree

- 1 with me that the start date at least looks
- 2 like it starts in year 2012?
- 3 A. I think that's 2013.
- 4 Q. You do? Okay. For the start
- 5 date?
- 6 A. Well, I think I could explain to
- 7 you how to interpret these documents based on
- 8 what Mr. Demas told me.
- 9 Q. Okay. But I just -- and I want
- 10 to get there. I want to hear what Mr. Demas
- 11 told you, but when I read start date, and I
- 12 look at the number -- we can probably get a
- 13 better copy from Context, if necessary, but
- 14 when I look at start date and compare it to
- 15 the end date on Exhibit 11, it definitely
- 16 looks like a '12 and then '13. Do you just
- 17 disagree with that? If you want to, you can
- 18 compare contract number two, which also looks
- 19 like a 2012 and a 2013.
- 20 A. I'm having a hard time reading
- 21 those fields.
- 22 Q. Okay. If it's a 2012 -- and
- 23 let's just say I'm going to agree with Grant
- 24 for the purposes of this one question. If

- 1 the start date is 2012, would that make it
- 2 unlikely that this is an amendment to Exhibit
- 3 Number 12, which has a start date of 2013?
- 4 A. I'm -- no. I tried to
- 5 understand these contracts by speaking with
- 6 Mr. Demas, and when he explained it to me --
- 7 and I understand that these are amendments to
- 8 the contract.
- 9 Q. All right.
- 10 A. So I'm relying on Mr. Demas to
- 11 help me interpret these documents.
- 12 Q. Okay. Well, why don't you walk
- 13 me through how we get to \$174 doing your
- 14 analysis?
- 15 A. Sure. Let's start with
- 16 Exhibit 12. Now I've lost a little bit of my
- 17 train of thought, so if you could bear with
- 18 me.
- 19 Q. I will.
- 20 A. Thank you. We have a period
- 21 cost of \$56,550 on Exhibit 12.
- Q. Right.
- 23 A. 325 screens yields \$174 per
- 24 screen.

Page 197 1 And is that \$174 per screen per Q. 2. month? 3 Α. Yes. 4 O. Okay. 5 Α. Now, when we get to April of 2013, and we look at this contract on 6 7 Exhibit 11, and you flip to the second page, I think it's the second column here, which is 8 April 1, 2013 to April 30, 2013, it's in the 9 10 second row. 11 Q. Okay. 12 We've got \$8,700. Α. 13 0. Yes. 14 And we've got 50 screens. Α. 15 \$8,700 divided by 50 screens is \$174 per screen. And so you can see now, by reference 16 to Exhibit 3.7 of my report, the screen 17 18 guarantee went up in April from 325 screens 19 to 375 screens. That's the 50 screens that 20 we see in row two. And the extra cost was 21 \$8,700. 22 Q. Okay. 23 And that's how I -- my 24 understanding is how these documents work

Page 198 1 together. Does that make sense to you? 2. Ο. It does. I'm sorry to interrupt. But if 3 Α. 4 we could take a quick break, I'd appreciate 5 that. Sure. That's fine. 6 Ο. 7 Α. Thank you. (Brief recess.) 8 9 All right. I think I'm done Q. 10 with 11 and 12. Let me ask you a general 11 question, which I'm not sure if I'll either 12 ask it the right way, or if you can give me 13 an answer. 14 Is it fair to say that with 15 respect to Dr. Wilner's calculation of lost profits, you agree with the methodology as it 16 applies to his deduction of expenses, 17 allocation of expenses? 18 So setting aside issues related 19 20 to the periods and the revenue streams, and 21 focusing just on the incremental cost 22 determinations I made, I think that those 23 were reasonable. I don't want that to be 24 misconstrued as an endorsement of other

- 1 aspects of this methodology.
- 2 Q. And I wasn't trying to imply
- 3 that. I'm truthfully just trying to
- 4 eliminate that area where we have
- 5 disagreement, and figure out where we agree
- 6 so we can focus on where we disagree.
- 7 And in terms of the expense
- 8 allocation of the adjustment for expenses,
- 9 that's an area that you don't have
- 10 disagreement with?
- 11 A. Same answer as the one I just
- 12 gave.
- Q. On page 68, that first full
- 14 paragraph, you say, "Notwithstanding my
- 15 agreement with Dr. Wilner regarding the
- 16 deduction of incremental costs, I disagree
- 17 with Dr. Wilner's assumption that the
- 18 totality of the resultant incremental profits
- is attributable to the alleged wrongful
- 20 conduct." Do you see that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. The last sort of couple
- 23 sentences later, you say, "Most importantly,
- 24 there is no evidence that the revenue

- 1 stemming from conversion of any physician
- 2 practice from HAN's ACN to ContextMedia's RHN
- 3 was attributable to the alleged wrongful
- 4 conduct." Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Is that the primary disagreement
- 7 that you have with Dr. Wilner's conclusions?
- 8 A. That is one area of significant
- 9 disagreement, but there are others.
- 10 Q. What are the others? What are
- 11 the others, if you could just list them for
- 12 me?
- 13 A. Well, I've identified here, for
- 14 example, on page 68, other bullets that I
- think one ought to consider when determining
- 16 the portion of the profits that were
- 17 generated by ContextMedia that is
- 18 attributable to the alleged wrongful conduct
- 19 by way of comparison with the other
- 20 contributions that ContextMedia made to its
- 21 products.
- Q. Okay. So let me ask you about
- 23 Mr. Shah's testimony and e-mails, where he
- 24 uses a \$20,000 figure per practice. And I

- 1 think that begins, your commentary on that,
- 2 on page 72.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. I'm going to hand you what has
- 5 been previously marked as Plaintiff's
- 6 Exhibit 95. Does that have yellow? Okay.
- 7 And then also I'm going to give
- 8 you what has been previously marked as
- 9 Plaintiff's Exhibit 136. And take a minute
- 10 and look at those.
- 11 My first question's going to be
- 12 whether those are the two e-mails that you
- 13 understand Mr. Shah was questioned about that
- 14 are the subject of your testimony? The
- 15 citations to his testimony in your report, I
- 16 should say.
- 17 A. These are looking familiar to
- 18 me, in particular Exhibit 95. If you'd like
- 19 me to spend the time, I think I could provide
- 20 the linkage. But if you can help me along,
- 21 that might expedite this.
- I brought a copy of Mr. Shah's
- 23 deposition, and I see, for example,
- 24 Exhibit 135, of which I'm looking at --

Page 202 1 135 or 136? Q. 2. Α. The transcript says Exhibit 135, but it may be that it's the same. And I'm 3 4 happy to accept your --5 Q. No, don't, because I'm not --Α. 6 Okay. 7 MR. COWAN: Let's mark this, 8 Sue. 9 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 13 10 was marked for identification.) 11 Ο. I'm handing you what we've marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 13. And it's 12 some pages from Mr. Shah's testimony. 13 pages 244 to 252. 14 15 And on page 244, I start by asking him about Exhibit 95, which is one of 16 the exhibits I've given you. And you'll see, 17 18 referring to that exhibit, Mr. Shah talks about "it's not based on a financial model," 19 20 which is the testimony you've cited in your 21 report? 22 Α. Yes, I see that. I've brought a 23 copy of his deposition and the references to 24 that.

- 1 Q. Okay. And then on page 247 of
- 2 Exhibit 13, his deposition, I marked
- 3 Exhibit 136, which is the other e-mail that
- 4 I've given to you, and then asked him
- 5 questions about that document, which I think
- 6 some of the testimony also found its way into
- 7 your report.
- 8 A. From pages 250 to 251 of
- 9 Mr. Shah's transcript?
- 10 Q. Right.
- 11 A. That appears to be so, yes.
- 12 Q. So let's just focus right now,
- 13 before we get into his testimony, with the
- 14 exhibits. The 136 comes first in time. And
- 15 this is a July 24, 2012 e-mail from Mr. Shah
- 16 to Mr. Garms, correct?
- 17 A. Exhibit 136?
- 18 Q. Correct.
- 19 A. Is from July 24th from Mr. Shah
- 20 to Mr. Garms, at least the top --
- Q. The top portion?
- 22 A. -- portion.
- 23 Q. So the portion that I was
- 24 focused on in my questioning, and it's the

- 1 subject, I think, of your report is actually
- 2 the e-mail from Mr. Shah the day before,
- 3 July 23rd, 2012, to Mr. Demas, Mr. Purdy, and
- 4 the senior management team. Do you see that?
- 5 A. I do.
- 6 Q. Now, other than Mr. Demas and
- 7 Mr. Purdy, do you know who was included in
- 8 the ContextMedia senior management team?
- 9 A. Not without refreshing my
- 10 recollection perhaps by referencing
- 11 Mr. Shah's testimony.
- 12 O. Mr. Demas, who is the direct
- 13 recipient of the e-mail, is the CFO of the
- 14 company?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And Mr. Purdy is the chief
- 17 operating officer?
- 18 A. Right.
- 19 Q. So at least the two people that
- 20 are named are senior executives within the
- 21 company?
- 22 A. That's my understanding.
- 23 O. And down towards the bottom of
- 24 Mr. Shah's e-mail, he says, "Our 4-year value

- 1 to a site is at least \$16,000." Do you see
- 2 that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And do you believe that's an
- 5 accurate value of the 4-year value for sites
- 6 to ContextMedia?
- 7 A. I don't have an opinion about
- 8 that. I did not attempt to perform a
- 9 valuation.
- 10 Q. Why not?
- 11 A. Because I don't think that that
- is a measure of relief that's available upon
- 13 a finding of liability in this case. And we
- 14 talked a little bit before about the measures
- 15 of relief that are available.
- 16 My understanding, that it's an
- 17 accounting of profits and/or a lost profits,
- 18 and so this is not something that I viewed as
- 19 being a reasonable way to calculate either of
- 20 those measures.
- 21 Q. Well, the \$16,000 figure,
- 22 whether it's accurate or not accurate, do you
- 23 know what that figure represents? Is it
- 24 profit?

- 1 A. I didn't dig too deeply into
- 2 this, so no, I would need to defer these
- 3 questions to the folks who wrote these
- 4 e-mails in order to answer those questions.
- 5 Q. Well, you talked specifically
- 6 about this with Mr. Demas; did you not?
- 7 A. That's true, I did talk about
- 8 that with Mr. Demas, but I didn't ask the
- 9 question that you just asked me.
- 10 Q. So you actually talked to
- 11 Mr. Demas about this e-mail, about this
- 12 subject matter, and you didn't ask him if the
- 13 \$16,000 figure represents profits?
- 14 A. I did not ask him that question.
- 15 Q. Go down to the next paragraph,
- 16 where Mr. Shah says, "We have a very finite,
- 17 scarce amount of offices. We can't keep
- 18 finding them, so each one that slips out of
- 19 our hands is awfully valuable." Do you see
- 20 that?
- 21 A. I do.
- Q. Do you have any reason to
- 23 dispute that?
- A. I don't dispute that the

- 1 business that ContextMedia is in is to
- 2 monetize practices through sales to sponsors,
- 3 and that's part of what I think the essence
- 4 of what they're talking about here.
- 5 Q. Well, I'm being more specific.
- 6 Do you have any reason to dispute that each
- 7 practice that slips out of Context's hands is
- 8 awfully valuable?
- 9 A. The word "awfully" is not
- 10 well-defined here beyond the figures that are
- 11 contained in the e-mail, but I don't dispute
- 12 that the practices are of value to
- 13 ContextMedia, and I think that's the essence
- of what they're talking about here.
- 15 O. Then the next exhibit is
- 16 Exhibit 95. And the pertinent portion of it
- 17 is on the second page of the exhibit, which
- is the e-mail on Monday, July 30, 2012, from
- 19 Mr. Shah, where he says, "Jim, Brad, this is
- 20 a top priority." Do you see that?
- 21 A. I'm not with you.
- Q. You're not with me? Make sure
- 23 you have Exhibit 95.
- 24 A. 95?

Case: 1:12-cv-00610-SJD Doc #: 122 Filed: 12/15/14 Page: 208 of 219 PAGEID #: 7729 Page 208 1 Turn to the second page, about Ο. 2. the middle of the page, you'll see where it says "on Monday, July 30, 2012, at 11:16 3 p.m., Rishi Shah wrote"? 4 5 Α. Yes, I see it. Q. Are you there? 6 7 I see it. Α. "Jim, Brad, this is a top 8 Ο. 9 priority." Do you see that? 10 Α. Yes. 11 MR. HANKINSON: 2012? 12 MR. COWAN: What did I say? 13 MR. HANKINSON: I think 2011. I didn't mean to interrupt. 14 15 MR. COWAN: Not at all. If I transpose my dates, correct me. 16 "Jim, Brad, this is a top 17 Q. 18 priority." Do you see that? 19 Α. Yes. 20 Do you understand Jim and Brad 21 to be Mr. Demas and Mr. Purdy?

Q. And at the end of his e-mail, he

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Α.

this.

That's the way I understand

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1 says, "Each member lost is a \$20K loss,"

2 \$20,000 loss. Do you see that?

- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. "Let's treat it with adequate
- 5 priority and get on this tomorrow." Do you
- 6 see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Did you talk to Mr. Demas about
- 9 this?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And did you ask him whether or
- 12 not the \$20,000 figure there represented lost
- 13 profits?
- 14 A. It doesn't -- my understanding
- 15 is it does not represent lost profits. This
- 16 is not a financial muddle that was performed.
- 17 So they're talking about
- 18 principles that I think are separate and
- 19 distinct from the damages calculations that
- 20 are at issue in this case.
- Q. What did Mr. Demas tell you the
- 22 \$20,000 figure represented?
- 23 A. Oh, maybe I misunderstood your
- 24 last question. I mean, I understand that

- 1 this, based on the testimony, is -- they're
- 2 talking about the relative value of a
- 3 practice.
- 4 And my questions with Mr. Demas
- 5 were related to whether there's a financial
- 6 model from which one could calculate those
- 7 numbers, and his answer was no, there's not,
- 8 which is consistent with Mr. Shah's
- 9 testimony.
- 10 Q. Well, did you ask him how he
- 11 thought Mr. Shah came up with the \$20,000
- 12 figure?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. In your report, you cite
- 15 testimony from Mr. Shah, where he tries to
- 16 put the \$20,000 figure in context?
- 17 A. That's a reasonable way to
- 18 characterize it, I think.
- 19 Q. And your citation ends at
- 20 page 251, I believe; is that right?
- 21 A. You know, I am sorry. It's
- 22 getting a little bit late in the day for me.
- 23 I'm trying to follow.
- Q. Sure. And we're getting close

- 1 to being done. Page 74?
- 2 A. I'm on page 74.
- 3 Q. Right. So the citation that you
- 4 have from Mr. Shah's testimony that is
- 5 footnote 244 ends at page 251. Do you see
- 6 that?
- 7 A. I see footnote 244, I referenced
- 8 pages 250 and 251 of Mr. Shah's deposition.
- 9 Q. So in my Exhibit 13, your
- 10 citation to Mr. Shah's testimony ends at
- 11 Line 23 on 251; is that correct?
- 12 A. That's the part that I quoted
- 13 there.
- 14 O. Yeah. So but the very next
- 15 question on 251 says, at Line 24, "When you
- 16 said in your e-mail to your colleagues at
- 17 Context that each de-install was like losing
- 18 \$20,000, was that a lie?" Mr. Shah answered,
- 19 "No, I don't believe it was a lie." Do you
- 20 see that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Is there a reason why you didn't
- 23 include that in your report?
- A. No. You could include that.

- 1 That wouldn't change the substance of my
- 2 opinions.
- 3 Q. And so you would agree that the
- 4 evidence that you reviewed is that Mr. Shah
- 5 has testified under oath that the \$20,000
- 6 figure is not a lie?
- 7 MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 8 A. I mean, his testimony on the
- 9 subject continues on through page 252,
- 10 including that testimony, so I understand
- 11 that.
- 12 O. Given that Mr. Shah, in an
- e-mail to the CFO and the COO, said that the
- value of a practice is \$20,000, and given
- 15 that he testified under oath that is not
- 16 a lie, do you fault Dr. Wilner for relying
- 17 upon that number in any of his work?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Why?
- 20 A. Because it's clear, based on the
- 21 testimony of Mr. Shah and my conversations
- 22 with Mr. Demas, that that valuation was not
- 23 the product of commonly accepted valuation
- 24 methodologies.

- 1 And further, it's my opinion
- 2 that damages ought to be measured by
- 3 consideration of whether and to what extent
- 4 time lost profits is attributable to the
- 5 alleged wrongful conduct, and by
- 6 consideration of the profits that were
- 7 generated by ContextMedia that's attributable
- 8 to the alleged wrongful conduct.
- 9 And looking at ContextMedia's
- 10 testimony related to the ten or \$20,000
- 11 figure doesn't answer either of those
- 12 questions.
- 13 Q. Now, you understand that the
- 14 Court, Judge Dlott in this case, will have
- 15 significant discretion with determining
- 16 whether and how much profit disgorgement to
- 17 allow?
- MR. HANKINSON: Objection.
- 19 A. My understanding is that profit
- 20 disgorgement is subject to the principles of
- 21 equity. Some of the cases that I've been
- 22 involved in the trier of fact has been the
- 23 Court, and other instances where juries have
- 24 made those determinations, and -- but I do

- 1 recognize that the Court has discretion in
- 2 assisting in that determination, if not
- 3 making that determination. I think it just
- 4 depends on the particular case and what the
- 5 Court prefers to do.
- 6 Q. On page 65 of your report, in
- 7 Section 11, you say, "As previously
- 8 discussed, I understand that profit
- 9 disgorgement damages under the Lanham Act
- 10 are equitable measures of monetary relief
- 11 over which the Court has substantial
- 12 discretion." Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Now, was that something you
- 15 were -- was that a concept you were aware of
- 16 and understood before becoming involved in
- 17 this case?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And have you ever been involved
- 20 in a case where profit disgorgement was
- 21 ultimately awarded?
- 22 A. I'm thinking of one case in
- 23 particular, yes, and I would expect there are
- others, and I could refresh my recollection

- 1 by looking at my CV.
- Q. Why don't you look at your CV.
- 3 A. I'm thinking of a couple cases
- 4 that may fit in the category of what you're
- 5 talking about.
- I worked on a case involving pet
- 7 feed for alpacas, and there was a profit
- 8 disgorgement that was awarded. I was not a
- 9 testifying expert in that case.
- 10 Q. Were you on the plaintiff's side
- 11 or defendant?
- 12 A. If memory serves, the
- 13 defendant's side.
- Q. Do you recall the law firm you
- 15 worked with?
- 16 A. That I don't recall. I recall
- 17 they were out of Colorado.
- 18 O. Do you recall the name of the
- 19 defendant, at least the party on whose behalf
- 20 you were offering assistance?
- 21 A. I'm not recalling that. I
- 22 remember -- I can exhaust my recollection of
- 23 the case with you, if you'd like me to?
- 24 O. Sure.

- 1 A. I remember that it was a case
- 2 involving, if memory serves, false
- 3 advertising under the Lanham Act involving
- 4 animal feed for alpacas.
- 5 There was a determination by the
- 6 jury that some portion of profits was
- 7 attributable to the alleged wrongful conduct,
- 8 and then I recall that the judge subsequently
- 9 modified that determination.
- 10 O. You don't recall if that was in
- 11 state court or federal court?
- 12 A. I don't recall. I would expect
- 13 it would be in federal court under the Lanham
- 14 Act.
- 15 O. Right.
- 16 A. I had another case that came to
- 17 mind, which was the Ethicon Endo-Surgery
- 18 versus Crescendo Technologies. And that was
- 19 a case that involved the alleged
- 20 misappropriation of trade secrets and breach
- 21 of contract that I valued. The jury awarded
- 22 damages, and I quantified damages in that
- 23 case.
- Now, whether that was -- should

- 1 be characterized as a disgorgement of
- 2 profits, I think it could be, or it also
- 3 could be conceptualized as actual damages
- 4 because I was thinking about it in terms of a
- 5 reasonable royalty of what's the value of
- 6 what was allegedly mis -- or found to have
- 7 been misappropriated. There may be others.
- 8 Q. My understanding is that you
- 9 were not asked or engaged to try to place a
- value on any of HAN's intellectual property?
- 11 A. That's reasonable.
- 12 O. In any of your discussions with
- 13 anyone at Context, did you come to learn
- 14 whether Context has increased the amount of
- 15 its incentives that it is offering to
- 16 practices since the relevant time period in
- 17 question?
- 18 A. I don't recall discussing that
- 19 particular issue with ContextMedia, but I do
- 20 recall that there were some documents that I
- 21 reviewed and relied upon that contained an
- 22 accounting of the incentives that were used.
- 23 And I think I can find that
- 24 document for you, if you'd like, and we may

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     be able to look and see over time whether
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    there was a change.
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                  MR. COWAN: That's okay. I
    think that's all the questions I have for
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    you. Thanks.
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                  MR. HANKINSON: I don't have any
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    questions.
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                  CERTIFICATE
      STATE OF OHIO
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      COUNTY OF HAMILTON:
          I, M. Sue Lopreato, the undersigned, a duly
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      qualified notary public within and for the State
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      of Ohio, do hereby certify that KEVIN ARST was by
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      me first duly sworn to depose the truth and
      nothing but the truth; foregoing is the
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      deposition given at said time and place by said
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      witness; deposition was taken pursuant to
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      stipulations hereinbefore set forth; deposition
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      was taken by me in stenotypy and transcribed
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      submitted to the witness for examination and
      signature; I am neither a relative of any
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      of the parties or any of their counsel; I am
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      not, nor is the court reporting firm with
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      which I am affiliated, under a contract as
      defined in Civil Rule 28(D) and have no
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      financial interest in the result of this action.
                       IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
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      hereunto set my hand and official seal of office
      at Cincinnati, Ohio, this 9th day of September
      2014.
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                          M. Sue Lopreato
                   Notary Public - State of Ohio
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      My Commission expires:
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      May 10, 2015.
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